

# Patoka Valley CTE Cooperative

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## CDL Program Information

### Instructor

1. Must have a CDL Class A license
2. Eligible for WS license
3. Must become at entry level training provider from the Federal Motor Safety Carrier Assoc
4. The ELTP is [registration](#) for a location

### DOE Course Name

Principles of Transportation and Logistics/Commercial Driver Operation  
Fundamentals/Advanced Commercial Drivers -

### Student Prerequisites

1. Students must turn 18 before January 1 of spring semester
2. Students must have a driver's license for 1 year before turning 18.
3. Student are responsible for paying for the CDL learner's permit, CDL physical, and DOT drug screening

### Course Information

#### Semester 1

1. Classroom instruction will focus on mainly theory.
2. The CDL driver's manual will be used as a resource for instruction.
3. Students can drive a truck and complete "hands on" training 1 or 2 days per week.
4. Students can practice driving in a parking lot and complete skills tests

#### Semester 2

1. Once students turn 18, students will take the learners permit for CDL at the license branch.
2. Students must pass a CDL physical and pass the DOT drug screen.
3. After obtaining the permit, passing the physical, and passing the drug screen, students will start driving with the instructor on the road.
4. The instructor must evaluate each student and document hours behind the wheel.
5. Students may attend an embedded WBL experience.

6. When the instructor feels like the student is ready to take the CDL Class A test, the student will find a vendor to take the CDL test.
7. The instructor will drive with the student to take the Class A CDL test.
8. After obtaining the CDL Class A license, the student can attend the embedded WBL daily.
9. It is the expectation that the student will take the CDL before May 15th.

Other information

1. A truck and trailer are needed before offering the course.
2. The truck and trailer must be licensed at the license branch
3. Insurance is required for the truck and trailer. Insurance needs to include the instructor and students.
4. Limit to 10-12 students per year.
5. Semi truck simulators can be purchased to provide extra driving experience for students. Simulators cost around \$90K