

Western Nevada College Commercial Driver

Need help? If at any point you find yourself having difficulty with this application for one of our scholarship or grant programs, please reach out to one of our helpful Academic Coaches for assistance! (Please note that our program requires all students to have and regularly check an e-mail address. This is one of the things that we require.)

### Step 1–Make Sure You Qualify

Here are the things we consider when deciding whether to accept a student into our program. Take a look at this list – if you have concerns about anything here, give our office a call at (775) 445-4210 or e-mail us at conted@wnc.edu to ask whether you'll qualify.

- x **Is there anything concerning on your 10-year driving record?** Just because you have something on your driving record doesn't mean you're automatically disqualified. We take a look at each student's driving record individually and consider the circumstances. A single speeding ticket a few years ago is probably not going to disqualify you from the program, but a recent DUI, reckless driving citation, or a whole lot of smaller traffic offenses might. If you're wondering – ask!
- x **Are you physically capable of safely driving a truck (with or without accommodations)?** You'll need to have a doctor verify that you have the physical ability to safely drive a commercial vehicle. This includes having good eyesight (with or without glasses/contacts), good hearing (with or without hearing aids), healthy blood pressure and pulse rates, and several other items that the doctor will review with you. We have physician partners here in town that we work with directly, so if you're concerned, let us know and we'll get you an answer!
- x **Can you pass a drug screen?** Yep, this includes testing negative for THC within 30 days of the start of your program. We are subject to federal regulations, and it's still illegal federally.
- x **Are you able and willing to get a job in the commercial driving industry once you complete the program?** This is primarily a career training program, so we want to make sure we're training people that can get jobs in the industry. Do you have a criminal background that might make it difficult for you to get hired? Are you currently required to carry SR 22 (high risk) insurance? Do you have plans to get a job as a commercial driver once you complete the program? If you're under the age of 21, is there an employer who will hire you to drive only within the state of Nevada? If you're under the age of 25, is there an employer who will hire you to drive vehicles less than 70 feet in length? Again, we consider each student's background individually, so if you have a concern, be sure to ask us!
- x **Are you available to attend all class sessions?** Our class schedule is on the next page. Typically, we accept students into the next available class based on the order in which we receive applications. If you are interested in a later class (because of location or your schedule), we may be able to accommodate that request. Be sure to note that on your application. Please also note that, while we don't take or require attendance, we have designed the course so that you are learning(c)-4 (ou)-12 (r) so

## 2023-2024ClassSchedule

Classes run Mondays-Friday from 8 AM-5 PM for 5 weeks. Dates for classes are listed below. All classes now run in both Fallon and CarsonAM

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### Step3 –FindFunding

There are several ways to cover the cost of the program, which is \$3,900. They're listed below.

- x Self Pay – If you can cover the cost of the program out of pocket, great! Once you complete your application and are accepted into the class, we'll contact you for payment. Payment in full is due at the time of enrollment. We don't



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				<p>Pennington Foundation</p>
<p>ROADS Program</p>	<p>Nevadans with some degree of financial need</p>	<p>Tuition coverage – partial or full</p> <p>DMV Permit Testing</p> <p>DOT Physical</p> <p>Grant (does not need to be paid back)</p>	<p><a href="mailto:Michael.boreham@wnc.edu">Michael.boreham@wnc.edu</a></p>	<p>Must pay it forward upon program completion as a program mentor, program donor, or program ambassador (see application below for details)</p> <p>Must complete program in full</p> <p>Must seek employment as a commercial driver in Northern Nevada upon graduation</p> <p>Must allow WNC to track your employment following graduation</p> <p>Must communicate consistently4 reW nBT/TT1 ou4 0 To</p>

				program donor, or program ambassador (see application below for details)
Wildcat Reserve Food & Hygiene Pantry	WNC Students	Free food and hygiene supplies  No cost and no payback required	<a href="https://www.wnc.edu/wildcat-life/food-pantry/">https://www.wnc.edu/wildcat-life/food-pantry/</a>	Must fill out an intake form once per semester  Must fill out an order form each week for items needed  Must pick up orders once they are filled

### Step 4 – Obtain a Medical Examination Card

This exam certifies that you are physically capable of meeting the demands of a career in the trucking industry.

The doctor who completes your exam will be looking at the following things (and perhaps some items that aren't listed here):

- x Do you have at least 20/40 vision in both eyes (with or without glasses/contacts)?
- x Can you hear a forced whisper from 5 ft away (with or without a hearing aid)?
- x Are your blood pressure and heart beat normal?
- x Can you physically climb in and out of a semi truck?

### Step 5 – Get a Class A Driver's Permit

\*This is a CLASS A program. We do not currently offer Class B testing or instruction. Please ensure that you obtain a CLASS A permit, not a Class B.\*

We require you to have a Class A Driver's Permit before you start your course. Your permit will be valid for 180 days once you get it, so we recommend making sure it will still be valid by the end date of your course. (Although you can renew it if you need to.) Here's how you get your permit.

- x Make sure you have a current, valid Nevada driver's license (we recommend upgrading to a Real ID if you haven't already), additional proof of identity (usually a birth certificate or passport), proof of social security number (usually your social security card) and proof of residency. Call the DMV at (775) 684-4368 or visit [dmv.nv.com](http://dmv.nv.com) if you have questions about these items.
- x Complete an Application for Commercial Driving Privileges (available at the DMV)
- x Download the DMV CDL manual ([www.dmv.nv.com](http://www.dmv.nv.com)), study, and take the following knowledge tests at the DMV. The cost of these exams start at \$57.25. You can also take the written exams for a Passenger (P) endorsement, School Bus (S) endorsement, or Tank Vehicle (N) endorsement if you wish, but these are not required.
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Step 6 – Complete a Drug Screen

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### Step 7 – Turn In Your Materials

Please do not send in an incomplete application. In order to process your application, we need everything listed below, all together. If you don't have one of the items listed below, please get it before sending in your application. [See NRS 633.8 \(e\) and NRS 633.5](#)

## Commercial Driver Training Program Application

Please note that your application is not complete unless it includes all of the items listed on the previous page— a copy of your permit, your 10-year driving history, a copy of your medical exam card, and some form of payment or promise of payment letter.







If you are receiving a scholarship or grant, we ask that you pay it forward with the WNC Commercial Driver Training Program in at least one of the following ways. (If you're paying for the program yourself or your employer is paying, we still welcome and encourage you to pay it forward!) How would you like to participate?

I'd like to serve as a mentor to a student in the program, providing them with guidance, advice, study help and/or guidance finding a job after program completion.

I'd like to make a yearly pledge to the WNC Commercial Driver Training Scholarship in the amount of: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I'd like to serve as a WNC Commercial Driver Training Program ambassador by volunteering at a minimum of one college event per year. (Events include, but are not limited to, WNC Foundation fundraising events and WNC participation in community events. We will e-mail you regularly with opportunities.)

Not applicable – I am not receiving a scholarship or grant

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Where did you complete your drug screen? (You must complete your drug screen at one of our approved providers.)

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### **Verification of Application Information and Consent for Release of Information**

I certify that all information provided herein is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further agree that, if accepted to the WNC Commercial Driver Training Program, I will be subject to the Nevada System of Higher Education's Student Code of Conduct, available online, and that engaging in prohibited conduct may result in immediate dismissal from class without a refund. Finally, I acknowledge that once my program period is over, there is no guarantee of continued instruction. I understand that while the program will generally continue to work with motivated students to ensure they have to opportunity to obtain their license and re-test if necessary, this is a courtesy, not a guarantee.

Further, I understand that for safety reasons, cell phone usage is prohibited on the skills lot and in the truck. Students will be permitted

alcohol or drugs. If an instructor reasonably suspects that a student is under the influence, the student will be asked to complete a drug screen before returning to class.

I understand that my educational records cannot be released without my consent in accordance with the Family Education Right to Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). I also understand that by signing this form, I am agreeing to the release of educational records (participation, completion, scores, grades, transcripts, certificates and academic integrity) to current and potential employers and program sponsors.

Lastly, I consent to the solicitation of employment information following my participation in this program and authorize the release of my employment information (employer name, start and

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## Program Waiver and Indemnification

This form must be read in its entirety, and, where indicated, signed prior to your first class. Completing and signing the form is required for you to participate.

### **I. READ CAREFULLY THIS SECTION IS A LEGAL RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE**

In consideration of the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education on behalf of Western Nevada College ("WNC") furnishing services, equipment, and/or curriculum and permitting the undersigned to participate in WNC's Commercial Driver Training Program (the "Course"), the undersigned Participant agrees to all of the following:

I fully understand, acknowledge, and agree that:

- (a) there are DANGERS AND RISK OF INJURY, DAMAGE, OR DEATH that exist in my participation in the Course and in connection with certain activities undertaken after completion of the Course which require a Commercial Driver's License ("Post Course Activities");
- (b) my participation in the Course or Post Course Activities may result in injury or illness including, but not limited

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(b)

Post Course Activity, including claims arising from the negligence of Released Parties, other Course participants, or any other party.

I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE AND THE FOREGOING INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT AND BY SIGNING BELOW I AGREE TO ALL THE TERMS HEREIN

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



