

# **Truck Driver Training at Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute**

## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

### **Q: Do I need a GED or high school diploma to enroll in the course?**

- ❖ No, but you must pass a Reading Placement Test with a minimum 8th grade reading level or better to register.
- ❖ Call Tammy Greene @ 828-726-2380 for locations of the appropriate Testing Center.
- ❖ You must bring the test results when registering.

### **Q: Is financial assistance available?**

- ❖ A scholarship fund is available to assist students with tuition costs up to a maximum of \$200. Call **828-726-2380** for more information. Veterans' benefits may apply; call **828-726-2714** for more information. Job training programs may apply; contact your local employment agencies for eligibility.

### **Q: What type of equipment will be used during training?**

- ❖ We have single axle day-cabs, tandem axle conventional sleeper tractors with 48 & 53' semi trailers; several trailers will be loaded during the road driving portion of the class.

### **Q: Do all class schedules include night driving?**

- ❖ Yes. All PTDI classes are required to have at least one hour driving at night. Night driving for the day class will be planned after normal scheduled hours.

### **Q: Do you offer job placement?**

- ❖ We work with many major carriers and local trucking companies that will hire our graduates. Recruiters from these companies also visit our classes.

### **Q: Do you offer off-campus classes?**

- ❖ Yes, we offer several off campus classes. Call 828-726-2380 for more information.

### **Q: When and where should I have my DOT physical and DOT drug screen done?**

- ❖ A DOT physical and DOT drug screen must be completed prior to enrollment. Call Tammy Greene **828-726-2380** for names of recommended physicians.

### **Q: Do I have to get my permit before I enroll in the class?**

- ❖ No, the first several days of class are spent in the classroom preparing you to get your permit, but you must have your permit before hour 135 of the class.

### **Q: Do I have to do my final road test for my CDL at the DMV?**

- ❖ No, at the conclusion of the class, our third party testers will administer the CDL final test.

### **Q: Are all courses certified by the Professional Truck Driver Institute (PTDI)?**

- ❖ All courses offered at the Caldwell Community College TAPS Center in Hudson and the East Campus of Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory are certified by PTDI.