

## TECD 1100 - Commercial Driver's License Class A (6 Credits)

### Course Description

The Commercial Driver's License Class A Course prepares students in classroom theory, backing skills, and entry-level driving skills including behind the wheel range and public road practice. Students demonstrate proficiency and competence in accordance with Federal/ State regulations, and college requirements:

### Course Objectives

- Demonstrate basic truck operating procedures.
- Demonstrate safe operating procedures.
- Learn and practice advanced operating procedures.
- Practice vehicle inspections (pre/post-trip).
- Review non-driving activities.

### Course Outline

- Orientation, Control Systems/Dashboard, Pre- and Post-Trip Inspections
- Basic Control, Shifting/Operating Transmissions, Backing and Docking, Coupling and Uncoupling
- Visual Search, Communication, Distracted Driving, Speed Management, Space Management, Night Operations
- Extreme Driving Conditions, Hazard Perception, Skid Control/Recovery, Jackknifing, and Other Emergencies, Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings
- Identification and Diagnosis of Malfunctions, Roadside Inspections, Maintenance, Handling and Documenting Cargo, Environmental Compliance Issues
- Hours of Service Requirements, Fatigue and Wellness Awareness, Post-Crash Procedures, External Communications, Whistleblower/Coercion, Trip Planning, Drugs/Alcohol, Medical Requirements
- Human Trafficking, CSA, Special Rigs, Crossing the Canadian Border, Basic Business Practices, HAZMAT
- Skills Training
- Vehicle Inspections
- Coupling & Uncoupling
- Chains
- Sliding Fifth Wheel
- Sliding Tandem Axles
- Continuation of Vehicle Inspections Daily
- Basic Shifting Skills
- Basic Turns
- Rural Driving
- Freeway Driving
- Two-Lane Driving
- Mountain and Grades
- Straight Backing, 90 Degree Backing, and Offset Backing Skills
- Defensive Driving Skills
- Hazard Awareness Training
- Proper Log Book Skills
- Safety Awareness: Personal, Truck, and Other Road Users

## Textbook & Reading Materials

Entry Level Driver Training Obtaining a CDL, Murray, ISBN: 9781680084931  
2024 Rand McNally Motor Carrier Road Atlas, Rand McNally, ISBN: 528027204  
FMCSA Safety Regulations Pocketbook, J.J. Keller, ISBN: 9781602875944  
Log Book Holder, Log Book, Ruler, J.J. Keller & Associates, ISBN: B083P53B8T

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## Classroom Hours

Mo, Tu, W, Th, Fr  
7:00AM - 6:00PM

For a full list of course hours visit: [Course Schedule](#)

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## Instructor Contact Information

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Office Hours: By appointment

Email is the preferred method of communication; you will receive a response within 24 hours during regular business hours.

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## Canvas Information

Canvas is the where course content, grades, and communication will reside for this course.

- [stech.instructure.com](https://stech.instructure.com)
  - For Canvas, Passwords, or any other computer-related technical support contact Student Services.
  - Regular Hours and Weekdays (435) 586 - 2899
  - After Hours & Weekends (435) 865 - 3929 (Leave a message if no response)
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## Course Policies

Effective [July 1, 2024], the grading scale for this course will change from Pass/Fail to a standard letter grade system (A, B). This change is due to a change from hours to credit hours. The grading criteria and expectations will remain the same, but the final grade will now be represented by a letter grade rather than a Pass or Fail designation. Please refer to the updated Canvas grading and course policies for more information. If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please do not hesitate to contact the instructor. Attendance is required in this course. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) requires everyone wishing to obtain a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) to attend an approved training program and have documented hours. Cell Phone use: when driving or observing in the semi trucks cell phones are not permitted, no exceptions it's the law. Drug & Alcohol Safety Policy: drug and alcohol use and abuse during the duration of the training program are strictly prohibited. If you are suspected or found abusing any substance, Southwest Technical College has the right to require an additional full drug screen at the student expense. Each individual is responsible for safety, and we reserve the right to remove anyone from the training program which includes; in class instruction and/or in-truck driving training for any unsafe practices. This will be determined by the instructor and college administration. No exceptions! Smoking is not permitted in the semi trucks. Industry Environment: The program is designed to provide the student with real world hands on driving experience. If you are unsafe behind the wheel while driving you will be asked to stop the vehicle and removed from driving. This decision is the instructors and Directors.

## Additional Information

InformaCast Statement: Southwest Tech uses InformaCast to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. In times of emergency, such as weather closures and delays, this app allows us to promptly deliver notifications directly to your mobile devices. To stay informed and receive real-time updates, we encourage all students to sign up for notifications. Your safety is our priority, and staying connected ensures a swift response to any unforeseen circumstances. More information and directions for signing up are available at: <https://stech.edu/emergency-notifications/>

Internet Acceptable Use Policy: The student is expected to review and follow the Southwest Technical College Internet Safety Policy at: <https://stech.edu/students/policies/>

Student Code of Conduct Policy: The student is expected to review and follow the Southwest Technical College Student Code of Conduct Policy at: <https://stech.edu/students/policies/>

Accommodations: Students with medical, psychological, learning, or other disabilities desiring accommodations or services under ADA, must contact the Student Services Office. Student Services determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of these accommodations and services. Students must voluntarily disclose that they have a disability, request an accommodation, and provide documentation of their disability. Students with disabilities may apply for accommodations, based on an eligible disability, through the Student Services office located at 757 W. 800 S., Cedar City, UT 84720, and by phone at (435) 586-2899. No diagnostic services are currently available through Southwest Technical College.

Safety and Building Maintenance: The College has developed and follows a variety of plans to ensure the safe and effective operation of its facilities and programs. The following plans are available online:

1) Facilities Operations and Maintenance Plan; 2) Technical Infrastructure Plan; and 3) Health and Safety Plan.

Withdrawals and Refunds: Please refer to the Southwest Technical College Refund Policy at: <https://stech.edu/students/policies/>

Any high school or adult student, who declares a technical training objective is eligible for admission at Southwest Technical College (Southwest Tech). Program-specific admissions requirements may exist and will be listed on the Southwest Tech website. A high school diploma or equivalent is not required for admission but is mandatory for students seeking Title IV Federal Financial Aid.

Non-Discriminatory Policy: Southwest Technical College affirms its commitment to promote the goals of fairness and equity in all aspects of the educational enterprise, and bases its policies on the idea of global human dignity.

Southwest Tech is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination. No otherwise qualified person may be excluded from participation in or be subjected to discrimination in any course, program or activity because of race, age, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin or disability. Southwest Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education programs or activities that it operates, as required by Title IX and 34 CFR part 106. The requirement not to discriminate in education programs or activities extends to admission and employment. Inquiries about Title IX and its regulations to STECH may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator, to the Department of Education, and/or to the Office for Civil rights.

If you believe you have experienced discrimination or harassment on our campus, please contact the Title IX Coordinator, Cory Estes: [cestes@stech.edu](mailto:cestes@stech.edu), (435) 865-3938.

For special accommodations, please contact the ADA Coordinator, Cyndie Tracy: [ctracy@stech.edu](mailto:ctracy@stech.edu), (435) 865-3944.

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