VICTORIA COLLEGE

Commercial Truck Driving **CTE - Continuing Education**
Texas Specific **200 Hours *(Class A)* / 100 Hours *(Class B)***

Overview:

Prepares students for entry-level employment in commercial trucking. This course provides classroom instruction with an emphasis on safety, rules, regulations, and techniques. Behind-the-wheel driving range activities, public street and highway driving are also included. Opportunities may be available for students to meet with recruiters from the trucking industry. After completing 200 (Class A)/100 (Class B) contact hours and earning the ELDT certification, students will take the Commercial Driver License driving examination at the Department of Public Safety as a post-course requirement. Students must pass Department of Transportation (DOT) physical, drug, and alcohol assessments.

Apply:

To get started, complete the Continuing Education Application at: https://xe-xe.victoriacollege.edu/BannerExtensibility/customPage/page/APPLICATION_WorkForce_CE_Person

Registration Requirements:

- Valid Texas Class C Driver License;
- Valid Texas Class A/Class B Commercial Learner Permit;
- Medical Examiner's Certificate; Medical Examination Report Form.

(If your driver's license is currently suspended, cancelled, or revoked in Texas or any other state, you are not eligible for a commercial driver's license. Information on additional DPS requirements may be found at https://www.dps.texas.gov/driverlicense/commerciallicense.htm.)

Tuition & Fees:	$4,750 (Class A) / $2,800 (Class B) - *due at registration*
Minimum Age:	18 years old (*Note*: *Some companies require drivers to be 21 years old for insurance reasons*)
Class Days/Times:	**Victoria (Class A)** • ***Option 1, Day Class**: Mon.-Thurs.; 7:30 am-6 pm; (30 min. lunch); 5 weeks* • ***Option 2, Night/Weekend Class:** Tues.-Fri.; 5:30-9:30 pm; & Sat.; 7:30 am-5 pm (30 min. lunch); 8 weeks* **Victoria (Class B)** • *Call 361-582-2528 for course schedule* **Gonzales (Class A)** • *Mon. & Tues.; 8 am-6 pm (55 minute lunch); 11 weeks*
State of Texas CDL:	Class A *(Optional Endorsements include Tanker, Doubles/Triples & Hazmat)*
Class size:	Small classes; 4 students to 1 instructor

Tuition Assistance may be available through the following:

- **Workforce Solutions Golden Crescent & TWC – Vocational Rehabilitation Services:** (361) 578-0341, 1905 Leary Ln, Victoria, TX 77901
- **Veteran Benefits:** Victoria College Veterans Services, (361) 582-2400, Enrollment Certification Request Form
- **Financial Aid (Texas Public Education Grant-TPEG),** www.FAFSA.gov
- **VC Adult Education SAIL Program:** (361) 573-3291, ext. 7323, *Submit Interest Form:* SAIL Program
- **VC CTE-Continuing Education Scholarship:** Continuing Education Scholarship Application*

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DOT Drug & Alcohol Testing

Students are subject to DOT drug and alcohol testing in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations, and Victoria College policies.

Drug and alcohol testing may be required in the following circumstances:

Pre-enrollment testing. Prior to the course start date, a DOT drug and alcohol test will be scheduled for the student. Admission into the program is dependent upon the results of the tests.

1. Students will be notified of the date/time to go to either Texas Health Center (clinic) or Gonzales Hospital-Occupational & Community Health Department (clinic). Testing will be conducted in the morning only.
2. Student must remain at the clinic until all testing is complete.
3. Upon completion of the tests, student will take all documents received from the clinic to VC CTE-CE Department or VC Gonzales Center staff.
4. Refusal to test or a positive test will result in the student being dropped from the course with a tuition refund only. The DOT drug and alcohol test fee is non-refundable.
5. Student is responsible for the cost of a confirmation drug test, if needed.

Random testing. Random drug and alcohol tests are conducted on each class.

1. Student will go immediately to the clinic when notified of a random drug and alcohol test.
2. Student must remain at the clinic until all random testing is complete.
3. Upon completion of the random tests, student will submit all documents received from the clinic to VC CTE-CE Department or VC Gonzales Center staff.
4. Refusal to test or a positive test will result in the student being dropped from the course with no tuition/test fee refund.
5. Student is responsible for the cost of a confirmation drug test, if needed.

Post-accident testing. Post-accident drug and alcohol testing is required, and both driver and instructor must be tested within 2 hours of the accident or as soon as possible. Refusal to test or a positive test will result in the student being dropped from the course with no tuition/test fee refund. Student is responsible for the cost of a confirmation drug test, if needed.

Reasonable suspicion testing. A student may be required to undergo reasonable suspicion drug or alcohol testing if, based on appearance, behavior, speech, or body odors, the student is reasonably suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. A reasonable suspicion determination will be based on specific, contemporaneous, and articulable observations. Refusal to test or a positive test will result in the student being dropped from the course with no tuition/test fee refund. Student is responsible for the cost of a confirmation drug test, if needed.

Return-to-duty process/testing. Students must complete the return-to-duty process if they have: (1) tested positive for drugs or alcohol; (2) refused to submit to required drug or alcohol testing (including by adulterating or substituting a specimen); or (3) otherwise violated applicable law prohibiting drug and alcohol use by licensed commercial motor vehicle drivers. To complete the return-to-duty process, student must be evaluated by a DOT-approved Substance Abuse Professional, successfully complete the SAP's recommended plan, and pass a return-to-duty DOT drug and/or alcohol test(s). Payment for return-to-duty SAP services and testing is the responsibility of the student. **Victoria College policy allows a student who fails a DOT drug or alcohol test to complete the Return-to-Duty Process and comply with the SAP's recommended plan <u>one time</u>. If a student who is approved to return to the program fails a second DOT drug or alcohol test, he/she is no longer eligible to participate in the VC Truck Driving Program.**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

I have read and understand the above requirements (pages 1 & 2) of the VC Commercial Truck Driving course. I also acknowledge that I will comply with U.S. Department of Transportation regulations in parts 40, 382, 383 and 391, as well as State and/or local laws, related to alcohol and controlled substances testing, age, medical certification, licensing, and driver records, as required in 380.707(a).

Student Name (Print): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____