

Winter Freight Meeting

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A degree different

Let's look back:

- 1996: Tractor-Trailer Training
 - ❖ Total Class Hours 224
- 2000: Commercial Transportation Studies Program
- DTCC embraced Professional Truck Driver Institute (PTDI) as our accrediting agency.

PTDI Advantages

- PTDI is North America's foremost advocate of truck-driver training standards, driver professionalism, and safety.
 - ❖ Provides skill standards for Entry-Level Drivers
 - ❖ Provides curriculum standard guidelines for Entry-Level Tractor-Trailer Driving Courses.
 - ❖ Provides Certificate Standards and Requirements for Entry-Level Tractor-Trailer Driver Courses.

2012: *Professional Driver Development* was added as a course to the Commercial Transportation Studies Program.

- ❖ Managing life on the road
- ❖ Personal resources
- ❖ Interpersonal Communication Skills
- ❖ Professional Conduct
- ❖ Identify employment opportunities
- ❖ Substance Abuse
- ❖ Strategies for addressing fatigue and stress
- ❖ Whistleblower Protection

2016 to Present

- 1050 Students have completed the course.
- Of the approximate 2,500 Tractor-Trailer training facilities in the U.S.; only 48 schools have been certified by PTDI.
- PTDI is our accrediting agency and audits our program every five years, to ensure we are providing our students with prescribed standards and curriculum.

2016 to Present

- Students are required to receive a minimum of 104 hours of classroom training and at least 44 hours of behind-the-wheel training.
- Our current program provides students with 138 hours of classroom training and 51 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. In addition, students are able to observe their classmates for 124 hours.
- The total hours of training received is 313 hours, and can be completed in as few as 7 weeks.
- To date: More than 800 students have completed the program with a Class “A” CDL and PTDI Certificate.
- Eight Instructors staff the department; and have a combined total of more than 275 years of instruction/driving experience.
- Student/Instructor Ratio:
 - ❖ Skills Range 6:1
 - ❖ Road Driving 3:1
 - ❖ Classroom 24:1

Program emphasis during the past 2 years:

- Professionalism and Safety
 - ❖ Soft skills are part of the foundation of every successful business.
- Partnerships with local business
 - ❖ Driver Employment
 - ❖ 97% Job Placement Rate for 2017 students
- Equipment Upgrades that are consistent with Industry Standards
 - ❖ 4 Additional 50' Trailers were donated
 - ❖ Purchased a 2012 Freightliner Cascadia Day Cab

Program emphasis during the past 2 years:

- Community Involvement
 - ❖ Local High School “No Zone” Presentations
 - ❖ World’s Largest Truck Convoy (Special Olympics)
 - ❖ Wreath’s Across America
 - ❖ Hurricane Relief Effort

Future Goals

- Installation/Exposure to Electronic Logging Devices
- Human Trafficking Awareness
- Operating Tractor-Trailers around school busses
- Driver Assist Technology/Autonomous Vehicles
- Driver Shortages in the Industry
- Challenges with employment for 18-21 year old students after course completion.
- Purchase a tractor with an automatic transmission.

Questions?