

Commercial Truck Driving-Entry Level

Bates South Campus 253.680.7400

Dear prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in Bates Technical College's Commercial Truck Driving-Entry Level program! We are very pleased you have taken the time to attend the truck driving information session to learn more about our program offerings and related career opportunities. These sessions are held the **first and third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. (no late entries)** at South Campus, 2201 S. 78th St., Tacoma, Building A, Room A-105. Allow yourself approximately 45-60 minutes. No appointment is necessary.

Please review the attached information packet. You will find information regarding program costs, books and supplies, testing fees, and other program specifics. You can learn more at www.bates.ctc.edu/TruckDriving or www.bates.ctc.edu/BookSupply.

Bates is an accredited public college. We offer Title IV Financial Aid Pell Grant, SEOG, federal work study, student loans and Opportunity Grants to qualifying students. You will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. To ensure a rapid response time, financial aid applications may be completed online: www.studentaid.ed.gov. Financial aid staff members are available to assist you with the application process, visit www.bates.ctc.edu/FinancialAid for more information.

Although student housing is not offered on campus, a variety of housing accommodations are available within close proximity to the college. Public transportation is also readily available, providing convenient access to college campuses.

Bates Technical College complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Auxiliary aids & services may be coordinated through the Disability Support Services office at 253.680.7013, TTY: 253.680.7045.

Again, we are very pleased that you are considering Bates Technical College and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Jim Field
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Enrollment Steps

- Step 1** Attend a *Truck Driving Information Session*. Information Sessions are held the first and third Thursday at 1 p.m. at South Campus, 2201 S. 78th St., Tacoma, Building A, Room A-105. These sessions run approximately one hour and are an important first step to enrollment. If you've attended an Information Session, **Proceed to step 2.**
- Step 2** Take the entrance test, the COMPASS assessment. The COMPASS is offered through our testing center, 253.680.7030. visit www.bates.ctc.edu/Testing for a current testing schedule. The COMPASS fee is \$19.00. Other colleges also offer the COMPASS test.
- Step 3** If you will be using federal student aid (grants or loans) to help pay for your program, **Proceed to step 4.** If you are paying for your program out of pocket and will not be using any financial aid, **Proceed to step 5.**
- Step 4** Complete a *Free Application for Student Aid* (FAFSA). If you will be using *federal student aid* (grants/loans) to help fund your program, you should work closely with our financial aid office. The first step is to complete an online FAFSA application and to provide Bates' financial aid office with any required paperwork. While working on step 4, if at any time you are unclear, have questions, get stuck or need help, be sure to contact our financial aid staff for assistance or visit www.bates.ctc.edu/Financial Aid. When your FAFSA application is complete and you have a clear understanding of your funding, **Proceed to step 5.**
- Step 5** Contact career specialist Jim Field at jfield@bates.ctc.edu or 253.680.7410 to arrange a time to meet to provide a copy of your COMPASS scores and to establish your program start date. **Proceed to step 6.**
- Step 6** Meet with career specialist Jim Field to complete enrollment paperwork. The admissions fee (\$50.00) should be paid at this time, as well as the first half of the Commercial Truck Driving-Entry Level tuition. **Proceed to step 7.**
- Step 7** *Congratulations!* You are now officially enrolled to begin your program.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How can I learn more about your commercial truck driving program?

We hold an *Information Session* the first and third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. at South Campus, 2201 s. 78th St., Tacoma, Building A, Room A-105. No appointment is necessary. For directions, visit www.bates.ctc.edu/Maps.

Is financial aid available?

Yes. *Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) is available to qualifying students. This may include: grants, work study, and/or student loans. Apply today at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Other potential sources of funding may be Worker Retraining, WorkSource, Opportunity Grant and/or Veteran's benefits.

How Long is the program?

We provide 20 weeks of comprehensive instruction. Classes are held Monday-Friday. We offer day and evening courses.

Will this program prepare me for the hazmat?

Yes. Our training for the Class A CDL includes preparation for all endorsements including the *Hazardous Materials Endorsement*. Many employers now require the hazmat. Certain criminal offenses will disqualify one from obtaining this endorsement. For more information, visit www.dol.wa.gov.

Can I complete the CDL drive test at Bates?

Yes, but only if you are a Bates student. A third-party (State of Washington) examiner will come on-site.

Prerequisites:

Applicants must:

1. Possess a valid Washington State driver's license;
2. Have a driving record with no DUI, negligent, reckless, or hit and run infractions within the past five years;
3. Have no more than three moving violations in the past 36 months (a state vehicle operating requirement);
4. Must be able to pass the Federal Department of Transportation physical exam and drug screen;
5. Not have a felony within the past five years;
6. Be a minimum of 18 years of age to enroll in local commercial driving; and
7. Be a minimum of 21 years of age to enroll in long-haul commercial driving.

**DOT drug tests require laboratory testing (49 CFR Part 40 subpart F) for the following five classes of drugs:*

*Marijuana // Cocaine // Opiates – opium & codeine derivatives //
Amphetamines & methamphetamines // Phencyclidine - PCP*

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Program Costs

Program Length	2 quarters
College Admissions Fee	\$ 50.00
Entrance Test 9 COMPASS)	\$ 19.00
Tuition	\$5,769.18

The tuition does **NOT** cover any of the other program-related costs listed on this page.

Note: Students may opt to pay their tuition in two payments. Should you choose this payment option, (\$2,763.83) would be paid prior to starting your program; the balance (\$3,005.35) would be paid when the second quarter fees are due.

BOOKS, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

- Approximately \$215.00
- Student Equipment Rental Fee for CDL Class A Test - \$60.00
- Student Equipment Rental Fee for CDL Passenger Endorsement (Commercial Bus) – \$60.00 Optional

Learn more at www.bates.ctc.edu/BookSupply

OFF-SITE MISCELLANEOUS FEES

- DOT Physical Exam \$ 100.00
- DOL Instruction Permit \$ 10.00
- DOL General Knowledge Test \$ 10.00
- DOL Complete Driving Abstract \$ 13.00
- DOL CDL Skills Test \$100.00
- DOL Passenger CDL Skills Test \$100.00
- Washington State CDL Driver's License \$ 95.00
- Application for a Hazardous Materials Endorsement \$125.00 (optional)

Please check with DOL or their website at www.dol.wa.gov for current pricing

In accordance with Federal law, you will be required to take a drug test. Shortly after starting your program, your instructor will give you information on where to have this testing done. Your tuition covers the cost of the drug test.

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DOT – PHYSICAL EXAM

Below you will find some suggestions of local Health Clinics that perform the DOT Physical. You can obtain the physical form from the Department of Licensing or print from their website at www.dol.wa.gov

FRANCISCAN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Port Clinic
1930 Port of Tacoma Rd., Tacoma
253.272.6677
\$75.00

MULTICARE OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

Allenmore Clinic
3124 s. 19th St., Ste 110
1.888.280.5513 or 253.459.7500
\$58.00

Fife Clinic
502 54th Ave. East, Fife
253.459.7500
\$58.00

U.S. HEALTH WORKS

2624 south 38th St., Tacoma
253.475.5908
\$75.00

You must say you are from Bates Technical College to get this rate.

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2013-2014 Academic Year

Start Dates

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Local	Days 7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Instructor Dan French
<u>START DATE</u>	<u>END DATE</u>	
Dec 12, 2013	May 28, 2014	
Jun 04, 2014	Dec 05, 2014	
Local	Swing 2:30 – 10 p.m.	Instructor Ken Thompson
<u>START DATE</u>	<u>END DATE</u>	
Mar 10, 2014	Aug 14, 2014	
Long Haul	Days 7:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.	Instructors Tom Deligeannis Bob Gunter Wade Westphal
<u>START DATE</u>	<u>END DATE</u>	
Dec 12, 2013	May 28, 2014	Tom
Mar 10, 2014	Aug 14, 2014	Bob & Wade
Jun 04, 2014	Dec 05, 2014	Tom

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