

Western Nevada College Commercial Driver Training Program

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Student Program Guide

Application Deadline Reminder

Please allow 2 business days for application processing. The absolute latest you can submit and still be accepted is Wednesday at 5:00 PM the week before the class starts.

Need Help?

If you need help with this application or any scholarships/grants, our Academic Coaches are here for you. Having and regularly checking an email is important for this program — coaches can also help you set one up.

- Visit the WNC Library on our Carson City or Fallon campuses. Go to library.wnc.edu/home and click “Academic Coaching” to see when coaches are available.
- If you need a computer or internet, you can use one at our library during open hours.

Disability Support Services

For disability support, contact our Disability Support Services office at (775) 445-4459 or susan.trist@wnc.edu. Fill out an Application for Services at wnc.edu/dss.

Is English Your Second Language?

If English isn't your first language, consider reaching out to the ACCEL College and Career Readiness program. They offer free English Language Learning instruction for all levels. Contact them at accel@wnc.edu or (775) 445-4452.

2026 Class Schedule

Classes run Monday–Friday from 8 AM–5 PM for 5 weeks, unless otherwise noted.

Fallon	Carson City
June 22 – July 24, 2026 – Class A	June 22 – July 24, 2026 – Class A
August 10 – September 11, 2026 – Class A	August 10 – September 11, 2026 – Class A
September 28 – October 29, 2026 – Class A	September 28 – October 29, 2026 – Class A
November 9 – December 18, 2026 – Class A	November 9 – December 18, 2026 – Class A

Step 1 – Make Sure You Qualify

Review the following before filling out your application:

- **Driving record:** We review your driving history. A minor old issue like a speeding ticket is usually fine, but recent serious problems like a DUI may be disqualifying. If you're not sure, just ask us.
- **Physical fitness:** You need a doctor to certify you are fit to drive a commercial truck — including good eyesight and hearing. We can help connect you with a doctor if needed.
- **Drug-free:** You cannot have drugs in your system, including THC, within 30 days before the program starts.
- **Employability:** We want you to get a job after you finish. If you have a complicated background or may need special insurance, let us know and we'll work through it together.
- **Attendance:** You must attend all classes. Missing class means missing critical instruction.
- **Age:** If you're under 21, you can only drive within Nevada. If you're under 25, you can only drive trucks under 70 feet long. This may limit your job options.

Questions? Call us at (775) 445-4210 or email conted@wnc.edu. We're here to help.

Step 2 – Make Sure the Program is Right for You

This program moves fast. By enrolling, you are agreeing to the following expectations:

- **Work hard from Day 1:** We start immediately. You'll be tested at the end of Week 3, and if you're not progressing, you may be dismissed from class.
- **No cell phones:** Cell phones are not permitted during class for safety and learning reasons.
- **Teamwork:** Your classmates are your team. Help each other, stay positive, and have fun.
- **Self-directed practice:** Even when the instructor is working with another student, you are expected to continue practicing.
- **Follow your instructor:** Our instructors are experienced professionals. Follow their instructions even if something is done differently elsewhere. Ask questions, but do not argue.
- **Respect the equipment:** Take care of the trucks. They are expensive and need to last.
- **Come prepared:** Bring something to take notes, dress for the weather, and carry your pre-trip inspection sheet until you have it memorized.
- **Attend every class:** Five weeks is short. Be there unless it's a genuine emergency.
- **Be ready to travel:** Some class days may be held in Fallon or Reno. Be prepared for a few trips.

If this doesn't sound like the right fit, that's okay — not every program is for every person. Submitting an application means you agree to these expectations.

Step 3 – How to Pay for the Program

Course costs: \$4,900 for Class A | \$3,500 for Class B

Important: You cannot use FAFSA funding or Pell grants for this course. WNC’s Financial Aid office cannot assist with CDL program funding.

Payment Options

- **Self-Pay:** Payment in full is due after acceptance. We do not currently offer payment plans.
- **Employer Pay:** Have your employer contact Lauren Slemenda Moore at lauren.slemenda@wnc.edu to arrange payment. We offer a discount for companies sending more than one student per year.
- **Grants & Scholarships:** See the table below. We do not manage these programs — contact each organization directly. Once approved, your funder must contact Lauren Slemenda Moore or provide a funding letter to attach to your application. Funding is not guaranteed.

Where to Get Money	Who Qualifies?	Type of Assistance	Who to Call	Requirements
EmployNV	Unemployed Nevadans looking for full-time, permanent work	Tuition coverage – partial or full. Grant (no repayment required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carson City: (775) 684-0400 • Fallon: (775) 423-5115 • Reno: (775) 284-9600 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must complete program in full • Must seek full-time, permanent employment as a commercial driver upon graduation
ROADS Program	Nevadans with financial need who are unemployed or underemployed (generally under \$24/hr). Must intend to work in Nevada upon completion.	Tuition coverage – partial or full. DMV Permit Testing. DOT Physical. Grant (no repayment required)	Apply at wnc.edu/roads – click “Apply Now” Questions: shareena.kaloti@wnc.edu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must complete program in full • Must actively participate in ROADS professional development • Must seek employment as a commercial driver in Northern Nevada upon graduation • Must allow WNC to track employment following graduation • Must communicate

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				<p>consistently with the ROADS team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be available for testimonials and mentorship after completing program • Must pay it forward as a mentor, donor, or ambassador
Good Jobs Northern Nevada	Northern Nevada job seekers looking for training and employment opportunities	Tuition coverage – partial or full. Financial assistance for childcare and transportation. Grant (no repayment required)	Visit nevadaworks.com/gjnn or call (775) 337-8600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must complete program in full • Must seek employment as a commercial driver upon graduation
Wildcat Reserve Food & Hygiene Pantry	WNC Students	Free food and hygiene supplies. No cost. No repayment required.	wnc.edu/wildcat-life/food-pantry/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must fill out an intake form once per semester • Must submit an order form each week • Must pick up orders once filled
William N. Pennington CTE Scholarship	Nevadans with some degree of financial need	Tuition coverage up to \$2,500. Scholarship (no repayment required)	(775) 445-3240 Apply online at nshe.hylandcloud.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must complete program in full • Must seek and report employment as a commercial driver in Northern Nevada upon graduation • Must allow WNC Foundation to use photos and information for publicity • Must provide a thank-you letter to the William N. Pennington Foundation

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must pay it forward as a mentor, donor, or ambassador

Step 4 – Get a Medical Examination Card

This card confirms you are medically qualified to drive a commercial truck. The doctor will verify:

- Vision of at least 20/40
- Ability to hear a whisper from 5 feet away
- Normal blood pressure and heart rate
- Ability to climb in and out of a large truck
- Ability to recognize traffic signal colors
- If applicable: controlled diabetes (bring a recent A1C test)

Where to Get Your Medical Examination Card

Carson City

Concentra Urgent Care | 3488 Goni Rd, Ste. 141, Carson City, NV 89706

Hours: Monday–Friday, 7:30 AM–5:00 PM | Phone: (775) 887-5030 | Cost: \$136.00

Pay directly. Do not allow Concentra to bill WNC. Walk-in only — arrive before 3:30 PM. Bring the Concentra form included with this guide. Your drug screen will also be completed here.

Fallon

Renown Urgent Care | 560 E Williams Ave, Fallon, NV

Phone: (775) 982-5000 — ask for Fallon Urgent Care | Hours: Call for availability | Cost: \$266.00

Call to make an appointment. If you have diabetes, bring a copy of a recent A1C test.

Send results directly to: conted@wnc.edu

Concentra Authorization Form

Note: This form is provided as an image and may not be fully accessible with screen readers. If you need an accessible version of this form, please call us at (775) 445-4210 or email conted@wnc.edu and we will provide one.

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(Patient must present Authorization and Photo ID at the time of service.)

Authorization for Examination or Treatment

Patient Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Employer: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____ Location Number: _____

Temporary Staffing Agency: _____

Work Related

Injury Illness

Date of Injury _____

Substance Abuse Testing* (check all that apply)

Regulated drug screen Breath alcohol

Collection only Hair collect

Non-regulated drug screen Rapid drug screen

Other _____

Type of Substance Abuse Testing

Preplacement Reasonable cause

Post-accident Random

Follow-up

Special instructions/comments:

Physical Examination

Preplacement Baseline Annual Exit

DOT Physical Examination

Preplacement Recertification

Special Examination

Asbestos Respirator Audiogram

Human Performance Evaluation*

HAZMAT Medical Surveillance

Other _____

Billing (check if applicable)

Employee to pay charges

★ Due to the nature of these specific services, only the patient and staff are allowed in the testing/treatment area. Please alert your employee so that they can make arrangements for children or others that might otherwise be accompanying them to the medical center.

Authorized by: _____ Please print Title: _____

Phone: _____ Date _____

Concentra now offers urgent care services for non-work related illness and injury. We accept many insurance plans.

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Please send results directly to conted@wnc.edu

Step 5 – Get a Class A Driver’s Permit

Important: This is a Class A program. Make sure you obtain a Class A permit, not a Class B.

- **Get ready:** Make sure your Nevada driver’s license is current. A Real ID is recommended. You’ll also need proof of identity (birth certificate or passport), proof of Social Security number, and proof of residence. Bring a copy of your Medical Examination Card. Call the DMV at (775) 684-4368 or visit dmv.nv.com with questions.
- **Fill out forms:** Complete an Application for Commercial Driving Privileges, available at the DMV.
- **Study and take tests:** Download the CDL manual from www.dmv.nv.com. Pass the following tests at the DMV (starting at \$57.25). Schedule at dmv.nv.gov/appointments.htm. Most DMVs require appointments; the Reno DMV accepts walk-ins on Wednesdays only.
 - General knowledge test (study the entire manual)
 - Air brakes (study Section 5-1)
 - Combination vehicles (study Section 6-1)

Step 6 – Complete a Drug Screen

Results must be sent directly to WNC Continuing Education. Students cannot submit their own results.

- **If your employer already drug tests you:** A letter from your employer on official letterhead confirming compliance with their drug testing policy may be used instead of a separate screen.
- **Fallon (no employer testing):** Call Nevada Drug and Alcohol Testing at (775) 294-6235. Ask for Dan to schedule your screening.
- **Carson City:** Your drug screen will be completed at the same time as your DOT physical at Concentra. No additional steps needed.

If a program such as ROADS is funding you, check with your program contact first — they may ask you to pay upfront and submit a receipt for reimbursement.

Have your provider send results to: **Lauren Slemenda Moore, Western Nevada College**

Step 7 – Get Your 10-Year Driving Record

Get your record online at dmv.nv.gov/dlhistory.htm. You can also request a copy in person when you go to the DMV for your permit.

Step 8 – Submit Your Application

Do not send an incomplete application. Gather all of the following before submitting:

- Copy of your Class A Driver's Permit
- Copy of your regular driver's license (required separately if submitting a temporary Class A license — the full-size paper version)
- Copy of your 10-year driving record from the DMV
- Copy of your DOT Medical Examination Card
- Drug screen results (must be sent directly to WNC by your provider)
- Funding letter or documentation, if applicable

Submit by email, mail, or in person:

conted@wnc.edu

Lauren Siemenda | Continuing Education | Western Nevada College
2201 W College Pkwy | Carson City, NV 89701

You may also drop off your application at the front desk on our Carson City campus (Bristlecone Building) or our Fallon campus (Virgil Getto Hall). Staff can make copies if you don't have a scanner.

Commercial Driver Training Program Application

Your application is not complete without all required supporting documents: a copy of your permit, 10-year driving history, medical exam card, and proof of payment or a funding letter.

Personal Information

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Phone Number

I agree to receive text messages about the class at this number.

Social Security Number

Email Address

How Did You Hear About This Program?

Select all that apply:

- Community Agency – Name: _____
- Word of Mouth
- Search Engine
- Flyer – Where? _____
- Newspaper
- TV
- Employer – Who? _____
- Social Media

Employment Status

Are you legally eligible to work in the United States?

- Yes
- No

Are you currently employed?

- Yes, full-time
- Yes, part-time
- No, I have been unemployed for less than 27 months
- No, I have been unemployed for 27 or more months in a row

If employed, complete the following:

Employer Name

Position Title

Current Wage

Do you intend to remain employed at this employer after completing the program?

- Yes, with no pay or title change
- Yes, but in a different position
- Yes, in the same position but with higher pay
- No, I'm planning to get a different job

Demographic Information

What is your gender?

- Man
- Woman
- Other: _____

Are you a veteran?

- Yes
- No

What is the highest grade level you have completed? (Enter number 1–12)

What is the highest level of education you have obtained?

- Less than high school diploma
- High school diploma
- High school equivalency (GED or HiSET)
- At least 1 year of college – no degree or certificate
- College certificate of completion – no degree
- Associate's degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's or Doctoral degree

Are you or your dependents currently receiving public assistance? (Select all that apply)

- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Welfare or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- General Assistance (GA)
- Unemployment Insurance
- Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)
- Subsidized Rental Housing
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), or Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- None of the Above

What is your race? (Select any that apply)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- Asian
- Hispanic or Latino
- White
- Prefer not to say

Funding

Do not submit this application until you have confirmed funding. Applying for a scholarship or grant is not sufficient.

How will you be paying for your program?

- Self-Pay
- Employer Pay – Attach a promise of payment letter from your employer indicating approval for funding and who should be invoiced. Without this letter, your application is incomplete.
- Scholarship or Grant – Attach a promise of payment letter from the scholarship or grant provider. Without this letter, your application is incomplete.

If receiving a scholarship or grant, how would you like to pay it forward? (Encouraged for all students)

- I'd like to serve as a mentor to a current student, providing guidance, study help, and/or job search support.
- I'd like to make a yearly pledge to the WNC CDL Scholarship.
- I'd like to serve as a WNC CDL Program ambassador by volunteering at a minimum of one college event per year.
- Not applicable – I am not receiving a scholarship or grant

If pledging, pledge amount: \$

Insurance and Employment Intent

Have you ever been required to carry SR-22 (high risk) insurance?

- Yes, currently
- Yes, in the past
- No

If yes, please list dates and circumstances

Do you intend to obtain a job in the commercial driving industry upon program completion?

- Yes
- No – Please explain below

If no, please explain

If yes, do you have a job in mind?

- Yes
- No

If yes, where?

Drug Screen and Class Preferences

Where did you complete your drug screen? (Must be an approved provider)

- Concentra
- Nevada Drug and Alcohol Testing
- I am attaching a letter from my employer in lieu of a drug screen

Which class dates do you prefer?

- June 22 – July 24, 2026
- August 10 – September 11, 2026
- September 28 – October 29, 2026
- November 9 – December 18, 2026

Which location do you prefer?

- Fallon, NV
- Carson City, NV

Would you like to be paired with a mentor?

- Yes
- No

Why Do You Want Your CDL?

Your answer will not affect your admission. We ask because we believe it's important for you to reflect on. Think beyond "My employer is making me" or "I want to make more money." How will your life be different with a CDL? Why this program and this career?

Verification of Application Information and Consent for Release of Information

I certify that all information provided herein is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further agree that, if accepted to the WNC Commercial Driver Training Program, I will be subject to the Nevada System of Higher Education's Student Code of Conduct and that engaging in prohibited conduct may result in immediate dismissal from class without a refund. I acknowledge that once my program period is over, there is no guarantee of continued instruction. While the program will generally continue to work with motivated students to ensure they have the opportunity to obtain their license and re-test if necessary, this is a courtesy, not a guarantee.

For safety reasons, cell phone usage is prohibited on the skills lot and in the truck. Students may step off the lot to take a call in a genuine emergency but must otherwise keep phones put away. Repeated violations may result in dismissal.

Class Policies

By signing this form, I agree to the following class policies:

- All students must make acceptable progress. At the end of Week 3, all students must pass a pre-trip inspection, light test, air brake test, straight back, and offset back to DMV standards. Failure results in dismissal without a refund.
- Students must actively participate in all aspects of class. Students may not return to their cars during class except during breaks.
- Students should not be argumentative or combative with instructors. Students must follow the outlined curriculum.
- Students must respect program equipment and operate vehicles in a safe, controlled, and courteous manner. Continued abuse may result in dismissal.
- Students must arrive prepared: bring your pre-trip inspection sheet until memorized, as well as pen and paper for notes.
- Students will not be rolled over into future courses. Re-enrollment requires a new application and full tuition payment.
- Class attendance is expected except in genuine emergencies.
- Students must never attend class or operate equipment while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

I understand that my educational records cannot be released without my consent in accordance with FERPA. By signing this form, I agree to the release of educational records to current and potential employers and program sponsors.

I understand and agree to the WNC Commercial Driver Training Program's privacy policy. The program collects personal information from this application, as well as payment information, enrollment details, training progress and completion records, and assessment results. This information may be used to manage the program, process payments, communicate about enrollment and training, respond to inquiries, improve services, and comply with legal obligations. You have the right to access, correct, or request deletion of your personal information, subject to certain legal obligations.

By signing this form, I certify that I am eligible to operate a commercial motor vehicle under FMCSA regulations, including compliance with Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse Requirements. I will report any change in eligibility to my instructor immediately.

I consent to the solicitation of employment information following my participation in this program and authorize the release of my employment information (employer name, start and end dates, rate of pay, job title) to the NSHE Board of Regents, dba Western Nevada College.

Effective From: _____ / _____ / _____ Effective Until: _____ / _____ / _____

Note: This release is valid in perpetuity without rescission unless you add an end date. If you add an end date, the release should cover the training period and at least 6 months afterward.

Signature

Date

Program Waiver and Indemnification

This form must be read in its entirety and signed prior to your first class. Signing is required to participate.

Section I: Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Covenant Not to Sue

READ CAREFULLY — THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT.

In consideration of the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education on behalf of Western Nevada College (“WNC”) furnishing services, equipment, and/or curriculum and permitting the undersigned to participate in WNC’s Commercial Driver Training Program (the “Course”), the undersigned Participant agrees to all of the following:

I fully understand, acknowledge, and agree that:

- There are DANGERS AND RISKS OF INJURY, DAMAGE, OR DEATH that exist in my participation in the Course and in Post Course Activities requiring a Commercial Driver’s License;
- My participation may result in injury or illness including, but not limited to, bodily injury, disease, strains, fractures, partial and/or total paralysis, other serious disabilities, or death;
- These risks may be caused by the negligence of Released Parties or others, and may arise from foreseeable or unforeseeable causes; and
- I, on behalf of myself and my assigns, representatives, and heirs, knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks and responsibility, and agree to release WNC and its employees, agents, officers, administrators, and Board of Regents (the “Released Parties”) from any and all claims or liability for injuries, losses, and/or damage arising from my participation in the Course or any Post Course Activity, including harm caused by the negligence of the Released Parties.

Section II: Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement

READ CAREFULLY — THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT.

In consideration of WNC furnishing services, equipment, and/or curriculum to enable me to participate in the Course, I agree as follows:

I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives, and my heirs, agree to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the Released Parties from any and all claims, suits, or causes of action by any third parties for bodily injury, property damage, or other damages that may arise out of my participation in the Course or any Post Course Activity, including claims arising from the negligence of Released Parties, other Course participants, or any other party.

I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE AND THE FOREGOING INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT AND BY SIGNING BELOW I AGREE TO ALL TERMS HEREIN.

Signature

Date
