

# FORBES ROAD CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

## CDL-A TRUCK DRIVING PROGRAM



### Program Duration: 160 Hours

Tuition: \$5,295.00 -does not include permitting costs  
Program is eligible for state training grants for individuals who qualify

Monday-Thursday 7:00am-5:30pm (FT) - 4 weeks

Saturday-Sunday 7:00am- 5:30pm (FT) - 8 weeks

Training Location: 5 Allegheny County Airport, West Mifflin PA 15122

**Course:** The Truck Driving Training program for CDL-A is directly helping to meet the growing workforce needs of the trucking industry. This course allows the student to gain the practical knowledge and hands-on experience necessary to become qualified and obtain employment in a shorter period of time. Customized lesson plans and training aids provide the most accurate, easy-to-understand, hands-on learning experience with an emphasis on safety. After the successful completion of the course, the trucking industry will gain an eligible, professionally trained candidate while bringing the student that much closer to obtaining a good job and a family sustaining wage.

**Career Possibilities:** When you graduate as a professional truck driver, the career possibilities are endless! Almost everything we eat, wear or use is moved at some point by CDL road transport. Our country's economy depends largely on the availability of safe, qualified drivers in the road transportation industry. According to the Commercial Vehicle Training Association, a healthy transportation industry relies on enrolling students into schools, training them as quality drivers, and placing them into jobs in order to reduce the growing driver shortage, projected to reach 239,000 in the next 10 years. Career Opportunities available to new drivers are vast in industries ranging from natural gas to over-the-road trucking jobs and everywhere in between! While in training you will be exposed to on-campus recruiters and a wide array of companies to apply to even before you graduate the course.

**Training Equipment:** Our current model year Freightliners are equipped with 10-speed transmissions, tilt and telescopic steering wheels, air ride seats, air conditioned cab and cruise control. The cabs have been designed to provide a mobile classroom with individual seats for each student. 48 foot trailers complete the training units, accurately representing the working trucks you see on the road every day.



### For more information please contact:

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### Program made available through a Partnership with PIA:

PIA is one of the leading schools in the country supplying drivers to the road transportation industry. PIA has trained and graduated over 9,000 students through our multiple-location training system. PIA prides itself in providing state-of-the-art training with up-to-date, safe equipment similar to what you will experience entering the trucking industry. PIA's quality of training, emphasis on safety and the dedication of the staff to the graduates are what set them apart as a premier training provider in Southwestern PA.



## TRUCK DRIVING (CDL) PROGRAM – 160 CLOCK HOURS – TDP-FT; TDP-PT-E; TDP-PT-W

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

All students must have a D.O.T. physical and drug screening which can only be performed by the PIA Truck Driving Program's authorized D.O.T. Physician. If a student is unable to pass the D.O.T. physical examination, all tuition paid will be refunded upon proof of failure to pass such examination, minus the cost of physical and drug screen.

All student applicants are required to take and pass the Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) mandated drug screen and physical prior to starting classes. The student is obligated to start class within 30 days of taking these exams. When a student fails these medical exams or does not start training within the specified time, the repayment of those exams and any additional fees incurred become the responsibility of the student.

Applicants previously employed by a D.O.T. regulated carrier will be required to complete additional documentation and meet FMCSR standards.

### FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

PIA Truck Driver Training Centers are housed in modern buildings with unique services and educational features. The training centers provide a driving range for in-vehicle training. Students perform backing, coupling and uncoupling maneuvers and simulated docking at the range/yard site. Students train under city, county and federal highway conditions. The training site has a driving course that is devoted to close quarters maneuvers required for the CDL license exam. PIA maintains its own fleet of current tractor and trailers, affording our students the opportunity to experience hands-on training in the same type of equipment used in the industry.

### CDL THEORY/APPLICATION

Course Number: CDL 1001  
Prerequisite: None  
Credits: None

Course Description: This course is designed to serve as an introduction and then enhance the students' knowledge of his/her new career as a driver in the road transportation company. He/she will learn to make sound decisions by applying the basic driving principles used by safe professional truck drivers' every day. It will form a base for a new career and provide the required knowledge needed to pass the state's Commercial Driver's License written examinations. This course will also teach the student a driver's duties and responsibilities including government regulations, hours of service of drivers, vehicle operating systems, and trip planning that professional drivers utilize daily in their careers.

Class Size: Classes may vary in size at the schools discretion. The program maintains a 4 to 1 student to instructor ratio.

Class Schedule: This program is offered full-time during the day, part-time during the evenings, and part-time on the weekends. Check with your Admissions Representative regarding available starting dates and school holidays.

Textbooks: State Commercial Drivers Manual, "Trucking" Tractor-Trailer Driver Handbook/Workbook, Delmar Thompson Learning Publishers, "Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations Handbook", (Title 49 CFR, Parts 40 and 355-397) J.J. Keller & Assoc., 2002; Drug and Alcohol Testing Driver Handbook/J.J. Keller & Assoc. 2000.

### EVALUATION CRITERIA

**Homework:** Students in this course are expected (and should have the ability) to spend appropriate time on homework assignments. Time will be provided during class to discuss assignments.

**Quizzes:** Outcomes will be checked at intervals through pop and announced quizzes.

**Tests:** Six tests are given during this course. Make-up tests will be provided in accordance with the schools attendance policy.

Course Outline:

Day/Number:

One/Two: Unit #1, "General Knowledge", and "Cargo Securement"

Three: Unit #2, "Air Brakes", and "Combination Vehicles" Test One

Four: Unit #3, "Double and Triple Trailers" and "Tank Vehicles" tests Two and Three

Five: Unit #4, Hazardous Materials

Six: Unit #5, "FMCSR Part 390, General" "Part 391, Qualifications of Driver" and "Hours of Service of Drivers" Test Four

Seven: Unit #6, "Hours of Service of Drivers", FMCSR Part 392 "Driving of Motor Vehicles" and Part 393 "Parts and accessories Necessary for Safe Operation"

Eight: Unit #7, Inspection Repair and Maintenance" and "hazardous Materials", "Driver Wellness" Test Five

Nine: Unit #8, "Map Reading and Trip Planning", "Whistleblower Protection Act" Test Six

Ten: Unit #9, Defensive Driving Class

*This outline of the course is subject to change due to weather or other unavoidable circumstances.*

# PIA Jump Start Class Schedule

2014 – Based on 10 hour Days

(Please note – The graduation dates for the Charleston location will be based on 10 hour days beginning 7.14.2014.)

Class	Start Date		Graduation Date (CHS Date)	Grad Day
TDP	December 30, 2013		January 24, 2014 (24)	Friday
TDP/HEO	January 13, 2014		February 6, 2014 (7)	
TDP	January 27, 2014		February 20, 2014 (21)	
TDP/HEO	February 10, 2014		March 6, 2014 (7)	
TDP	February 24, 2014		March 20, 2014 (21)	
TDP/HEO	March 10, 2014		April 3, 2014 (4)	
TDP	March 24, 2014		April 17, 2014 (18)	
TDP/HEO	April 7, 2014		May 1, 2014 (2)	
TDP	April 21, 2014		May 15, 2014 (16)	
TDP/HEO	May 5, 2014		May 30, 2014 (30)	Friday
TDP	May 19, 2014		June 12, 2014 (13)	
TDP/HEO	June 2, 2014		June 26, 2014 (27)	
TDP	June 16, 2014		July 10, 2014 (11)	
TDP/HEO	June 30, 2014		July 24, 2014 (25)	
TDP	July 14, 2014		August 7, 2014	
TDP/HEO	July 28, 2014		August 21, 2014	
TDP	August 11, 2014		September 5, 2014	Friday
TDP/HEO	August 25, 2014		September 18, 2014	
TDP	September 8, 2014		October 2, 2014	
TDP/HEO	September 22, 2014		October 16, 2014	
TDP	October 6, 2014		October 30, 2014	
TDP/HEO	October 20, 2014		November 13, 2014	
TDP	November 3, 2014		November 26, 2014	Wednesday
TDP/HEO	November 17, 2014		December 11, 2014	
TDP	December 1, 2014		December 23, 2014	Tuesday
TDP/HEO	December 15, 2014		January 9, 2015	Friday
TDP	December 29, 2014		January 22, 2015	

## Holidays

**January 1, 2014 New Year's Day**  
**January 20, 2014 Martin Luther King Day**  
**May 26, 2014 Memorial Day**  
**June 20, 2014 In-Service Day**  
**July 4, 2014 Independence Day**  
**September 1, 2014 Labor Day**  
**November 27,28 Thanksgiving**  
**December 12 - JS IN SERVICE**  
**December 24,25,26 Christmas**

# PIA Jump Start Class Schedule

2015 – Based on 10 hour Days

Class	Start Date		Graduation Date	Grad Day
TDP	December 29, 2014		January 22, 2015	
TDP/HEO	January 12, 2015		February 5, 2015	
TDP	January 26, 2015		February 19, 2015	
TDP/HEO	February 9, 2015		March 5, 2015	
TDP	February 23, 2015		March 19, 2015	
TDP/HEO	March 9, 2015		April 2, 2015	
TDP	March 23, 2015		April 16, 2015	
TDP/HEO	April 6, 2015		April 30, 2015	
TDP	April 20, 2015		May 14, 2015	
TDP/HEO	May 4, 2015		May 29, 2015	Friday
TDP	May 18, 2015		June 11, 2015	
TDP/HEO	June 1, 2015		June 25, 2015	
TDP	June 15, 2015		July 9, 2015	
TDP/HEO	June 29, 2015		July 23, 2015	
TDP	July 13, 2015		August 6, 2015	
TDP/HEO	July 27, 2015		August 20, 2015	
TDP	August 10, 2015		September 3, 2015	
TDP/HEO	August 24, 2015		September 17, 2015	
TDP	September 8, 2015		October 1, 2015	
TDP/HEO	September 21, 2015		October 15, 2015	
TDP	October 5, 2015		October 29, 2015	
TDP/HEO	October 19, 2015		November 12, 2015	
TDP	November 2, 2015		November 25, 2015	Wednesday
TDP/HEO	November 16, 2015		December 10, 2015	
TDP	November 30, 2015		December 22, 2015	Tuesday
TDP/HEO	December 14, 2015		January 8, 2016	Friday
TDP	December 28, 2015		January 21, 2016	

## Holidays

**January 1, 2015 New Year's Day**  
**January 19, 2015 Martin Luther King Day**  
**May 25, 2015 Memorial Day**  
**June 26, 2015 In Service Day**  
**July 3, 2015 Observed for Independence Day**  
**September 7, 2015 Labor Day**  
**November 26&27, 2015 Thanksgiving**  
**December 11, 2015 In Service Day**  
**December 23,24,25, 2015 Christmas**