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Certificate Program

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The DACC Tractor Trailer Driver program provides the necessary training for men and women to prepare them for entry-level positions as commercial drivers. At the beginning of the course, students prepare for and obtain their Commercial Driver's License learner's permit. Six weeks later, they have obtained the necessary knowledge and driving skills and experience to pass the CDL Class A driver's license exam administered by the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

DACC offers the 240 hour Tractor Trailer Driver program in three popular formats.

- The 6-week day course is conducted Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For those who qualify, a 4-week option is available.
- The 12-week evening course is conducted Monday through Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- The Weekend option, designed for individuals who need to continue their current employment status during their training period, meets Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for 15 weeks.

Students attending this program under Pell Grant (16 credit hours) are required to do a 10 week externship in addition to the 6 weeks training on campus.

The DACC program boasts of a student/trainer ratio of four students per trainer. Of equal importance is a format of four students per tractor trailer. The curriculum for the Tractor Trailer Driver program at Danville Area Community College was designed to meet or exceed industry standards and the Illinois Secretary of State's licensing standards under the advisement of the members of the Danville Area Logistic Cluster.

The DACC program is recognized as an eleven (11) credit hour course by the Illinois Community College Board. Certificates of Successful Completion are also awarded to the students.

Tractor Trailer Driver Qualifications: A high school diploma or GED is not required. Every truck driver student must have a valid driver's license. A DOT physical examination and drug test are required to attend the program and to be employed in the industry. Interstate drivers must be 21 years of age, while in-state drivers can be 18 to 21 years old. Job placement assistance is limited for individuals under the age of 21. Drivers must be able to read and speak English well enough to understand traffic signs, prepare reports and communicate with others.

Employment Assistance is available to program completers. The Coordinator, as well as the instructors, of our program maintains contact with local employers, as well as various interstate trucking companies. Recruiters from these companies visit our classes on a regular basis. Most students will receive multiple job offers during their training period.