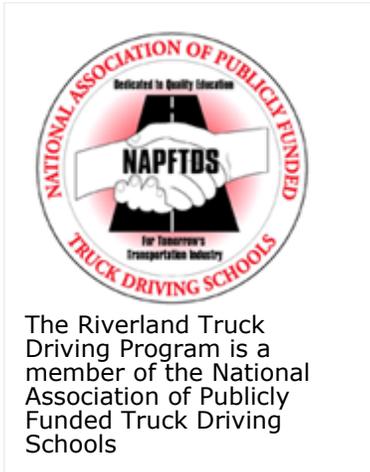


TRUCK DRIVING CERTIFICATE

Would you like to shift your career into high gear?

Picture yourself on the open road in control of a big rig. Our top-rated Truck Driving program can put you in the drivers' seat. This 16-week Riverland program has a reputation of providing "first-rate" hands-on and classroom training for careers in the transportation industry. The winning combination of our highly-qualified instructors and small class sizes mean you get plenty of one-on-one attention while learning all the required operating techniques, procedures and regulations. Learn defensive driving, safety and proper operating techniques without having to pay high costs of a for-profit driving school. Riverland students gain practical experience by driving in city and rural situations as part of course requirements. This includes driving conventional tractors and pulling loaded and empty 53' van, flatbed, 28.5' double, and bulk tanker trailers along with charter bus passenger endorsement training. Each student will earn a Class-A CDL with hazmat, tanker, doubles, triples, and passenger endorsements upon completion. . Students also develop skills and experience during paid internships with area motor carriers who become prospective employers.



The Riverland Truck Driving Program is a member of the National Association of Publicly Funded Truck Driving Schools

Partnerships



Norsemen was founded in 1979, by David E. Steffens with two trucks. Originally based out of Waseca, MN Norsemen expanded its operations to Lake Mills, IA in 1987. Lake Mills is now the Corporate headquarters. In 2002 David sold the company to two of his sons. David A. Steffens and Jay Steffens. Since then David and Jay have expanded Norsemen Trucking into a complete Logistics Company. David owns and operates Norsemen Trucking and together he and Jay own and operate Norsemen Transportation and Norsemen Specialized.

- [Norsemen website](#)
- [Norseman Employment](#)
- [Company Driver Application Form](#)



Certificate (CERT) 22 Credits Credits

Location: ♦ Austin

Program Starts: Fall, Spring

Course Plan: One Semester

Estimated Tuition 22 cr x \$284.00 = \$6,248.00

Books: \$162

Other Costs: \$537 including licensing fees, fingerprinting, TWIC, passport, drug screen, DOT physical and certified copy of driving record

Faculty & Advisors

♦ Jonathan Rymer / 507-433-0608

Program Notes Special requirements for admission to the program:

- Student must pass a DOT physical and DOT drug screening
- Students must have a CDL permit
- Students must consult with advisor prior to program admission

Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:

Reading: An Accuplacer score of 52 is recommended.

Assessment Results and Prerequisites:

Students admitted into Riverland Community College program may need to complete additional courses based on assessment results and course prerequisite requirements. Certain MATH and ENGL courses have additional prerequisites.

Required Core Courses (22 Credits)

TRDR1100	Introduction to Vehicle Control	3.00
TRDR1105	Proficiency Development of Vehicle Control	3.00
TRDR1110	Advanced Operating Procedures	2.00
TRDR1115	Lifestyle	3.00
TRDR1120	Advanced Vehicle Driving	3.00
TRDR1130	Internship	8.00



The Buesing name has been associated with bulk transportation since 1975. It is our ONLY business. Bulk transportation provides us with a unique niche in the trucking industry that we are constantly developing. We are an interstate carrier of dry and liquid commodities. We move goods throughout the entire United States and into Canada. On a daily basis we service accounts from Saskatchewan to Florida and from California to Maine. Products we transport include flour, sugar, corn meal, glue, vegetable oil & wheat germ, among others.

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XPO Logistics

XPO Logistics provides services for truck brokerage and transportation, less-than-truckload, intermodal, highly-engineered supply chain solutions, contract logistics, last mile, expedite, global forwarding and managed transportation. XPO serves more than 50,000 customers with a highly integrated network of 1,469 locations in 32 countries. The bedrock of our company is our people: more than 84,000 employees operating as one cohesive organization with a single-minded focus on customer service. Many of the customers we serve are in the manufacturing, retail, e-commerce, industrial, technology, aerospace, chemical, life sciences and government sectors.

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- [XPO Logistics Careers](#)

Employment Outlook Good drivers are in demand and our students gain valuable experience during paid internships that often lead to real jobs. Few occupations offer more opportunity after such a short training period. Trucking is one of the largest industries in America today, employing short and long haul drivers. Minnesota trucking organizations report a definite driver shortage and truck driving is one of the top 20 occupations with the largest projected employment growth in the state. Long distance truck drivers can expect an average first year salary between \$30,000 and \$35,000 and over \$40,000 the second year.

Good jobs are also available in safety supervision, dispatching, and management. Nearly one in 10 drivers is self-employed and operates independently or leases their services to a trucking company. Many companies offer increased benefits and pay to keep good drivers. Modern, well-equipped trucks with options like air conditioning, air-ride suspension, air-ride cabs, and satellite communications are the standard in driver convenience and comfort. Trucking industry wages are well above the national average and rewarding placement opportunities await Riverland graduates.