

Truck Driving Advising Guide

This 16-week program provides first-rate hands-on and classroom training for high-demand careers in the transportation industry.

Program Specifics:

Students will receive industry credentials in: Class A-CDL with hazmat, dry-bulk tanker, doubles, triples and passenger endorsements. Students that complete the program will also receive a college Certificate (22 credits).

Steps to enrolling into the Truck Driving Program at Riverland:

1. Students must consult with program advisor, Jonathan Rymer, prior to program admission. Please call 931-529-1480 or 507-433-0600.
2. [Fill out a Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Student Vehicle Use Agreement](#) turn it in to Riverland Admissions Office or scan it to admissions@riverland.edu
3. Students should complete the Riverland General Application Process:
 - a. Apply online at www.riverland.edu/apply
 - b. Send official High School transcripts to the college. If you have a GED, we will need a copy of the document. If you have taken college level coursework at another college you will need to send those official transcripts to Riverland.
4. Apply for Financial Aid at www.fafsa.gov
5. Students must take and pass the CDL permit testing for all five endorsements (General Knowledge, Air Brakes, Combination Vehicles, Passenger, Doubles/Triples).
 - a. The CDL permit is only valid for 6 months so make sure that you will have the 16 week program completed within that timeframe.
 - b. While at the driver's license station, students need to obtain a certified copy of their Motor Vehicle Record.
6. Students must pass a DOT drug screen for ground transportation (must be taken within one week of the program start date).
7. Students must pass a DOT physical – available at most clinics to find a clinic near you visit <https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/NRPublicUI/home.seam>
8. For students entering the program, an Accuplacer Reading score of 52 is recommended. Students can register for an Accuplacer [here](#) or by calling 507-433-0656.

9. Register for classes and purchase 3 log books and [textbook](#).

Having completed these requirements prior to your class start is the first step towards a successful career in the transportation industry.