

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 as follows: Class A-CDL with hazmat, tanker, doubles, triples, passenger and school bus endorsements. Students that complete the program will also receive a college Certificate in truck driving (22 credits). Students that pass a DOT drug screen and complete the requirements below prior to the class start date will be on their way to a successful career in the transportation industry.

Steps to enrolling into the Truck Driving Program at Riverland:

1. Students must consult with program director/lead instructor, Jonathan Rymer, prior to program admission. Please call 931-529-1480 or 507-433-0608.
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
Note- if you are receiving a MNDOT grant you are not able to get FAFSA as well because both involve federal funds.
5. Students must take and pass the CDL permit testing for all five endorsements (General Knowledge, Air Brakes, Combination Vehicles, Passenger, and School Bus).
 - 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 or you may be required to retake the permit tests.
 - b. While at the driver's license station, students need to obtain a certified copy of their Motor Vehicle Record or MVR.
6. 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>
7. 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.
8. Register for classes and purchase 3 log books and other required materials available in the Riverland bookstore.