

# Truck Driving School Guide

## A List of Recommended CDL Training Schools Nationwide

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Finding the right truck driving school can be very confusing for the driver who needs a CDL Refresher Course, but is especially challenging for the newcomer. What questions should you ask and what should you be looking for in a truck driving school? Making the right choice can possibly make or break our career before you even get started. For helpful advice review [www.truckingcareersofamerica.com/CDLTrainingSchools.htm](http://www.truckingcareersofamerica.com/CDLTrainingSchools.htm).

Before you hand over thousands of dollars for your CDL training, let's look at some important factors to consider.

- Is the school licensed by the State
- Is the school Accredited
- Is the school Certified

To understand these factors you need to understand what each of these terms represent.

**A State business license** shows that the business has filed and paid the appropriate fees, and has met the guidelines set forth by the state, which allows them to legally operate that business within that State.

**Accreditation** refers to schools that have been accredited by an agency that has been approved by the U.S. Department of Education. Only truck driving schools that have been accredited are entitled to have access to Federal student grants and loans. There are very few truck driving schools that have achieved accreditation because of the tough standards and the expensive process. A truck driving school that has been accredited shows that they have met the highest standards for education.

**Certification** pertains to a truck driving school that has met the training standards set forth by the trucking industry. Certification shows that an independent third party, unrelated to the truck driving school, has inspected the school and has officially "certified" that the training offered to the students has met the basic skills required to be a truck driver within the entry level. **PTDI** is the only organization that currently certifies truck driving schools. **PTDI** (Professional Truck Driver Institute) is based out of Alexandria, Virginia. Certification is voluntary and a truck driving school is not required to be certified by **PTDI**. It's important to keep in mind that just because a school is not **PTDI certified**, it **does not mean** they are a "bad" school. Nevertheless, being **PTDI** certified only further justifies a school's reputation.

Important questions to ask before signing on with a truck driving school are:

- How much is it going to cost – on the average, CDL training should cost between \$2500 - \$4500
- What is the student to truck ratio – the lower the better
- What is the student to instructor ratio – again, the lower the number, the better
- Will there be any "observation" time – this is a total waste of time and money

- Is there an offer for job placement assistance once you have completed the course
- What if the trucking company you are placed with treats you badly – is there further assistance
- If you fail the CDL test is there a money-back guarantee
- What is the maximum amount that you will be responsible for in payment

Remember, it's important to ask everything and be informed **BEFORE** you sign the paperwork. Also, take the contract home and read it over very carefully. If something is unclear, ask someone outside of the school to help you. Know your rights and understand everything in the contract before signing.

There are many good, reputable truck driving schools across the nation. Do your homework, make sure they are licensed, accredited and if possible, **PTDI Certified**. However, just because a school is not **PTDI certified**, it does not mean that they are a poor school. **PTDI Certification** is lengthy and costly, which is the reason many good schools may not have this certification.

Trucking Careers of America is a company dedicated to helping truck drivers become successful – and not a statistic. We continually strive to bring important and helpful information to CDL Class A drivers at all levels. Because we specialize in career planning and job placement for CDL Class A drivers, we suggest that before you make a decision about any particular CDL school you take a few minutes to review our CDL Driver Training Page and CDL Training Schools page at [www.truckingcareersofamerica.com/CDLDriverTraining.htm](http://www.truckingcareersofamerica.com/CDLDriverTraining.htm) and [www.truckingcareersofamerica.com/CDLTrainingSchools.htm](http://www.truckingcareersofamerica.com/CDLTrainingSchools.htm) respectively.



We are pleased to provide you with this directory of CDL Truck Driving Schools across the U.S. All efforts have been made to ensure that the listings are accurate and up to date as of this writing on November 15, 2010. Those schools known to be **PTDI Certified** are clearly marked, and specific schools that I highly **recommend** are highlighted in yellow.

### **ALABAMA**

Bevill State Community College	Sumiton, AL
Bishop State Community College	Mobile, AL
Shelton State Community College	Tuscaloosa, AL

### **ALASKA**

Center for Employment Education	Anchorage, AK	<b>PTDI</b>
Center for Employment Education	Fairbanks, AK	

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Northern Industrial Training  
Vocational Training & Resource Center

Palmer, AK  
Juneau, AK

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**ARIZONA**

American Institute of Technology  
Mohave Community College  
Western Truck School

Phoenix, AZ  
Kingman, AZ  
Phoenix and Tucson, AZ

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**ARKANSAS**

Cossatot Technical College  
Gateway Technical College  
NW Technical Institute  
North Arkansas Tech Pioneer Ridge N Campus  
Ozarks Technical Community College  
South Arkansas Community College

DeQueen, AR  
Batesville, AR  
Springdale, AR  
Harrison, AR  
Melbourne, AR  
El Dorado, AR

**CALIFORNIA**

West Hills Community College

Coalinga, CA

**COLORADO**

Sage Technical Services  
Sage Technical Services

Henderson, CO  
Grand Junction, CO

**CONNECTICUT**

Allstate Commercial Driver Training School

Shelton, CT

**DELAWARE**

Delaware Technical and Community College

Georgetown, DE

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**FLORIDA**

Bradford-Union Tech  
Mid Florida Tech  
Indian River College  
Pinellas Technical Education Center

Starke, FL  
Orlando, FL  
Ft. Pierce, FL  
St. Petersburg, FL

**GEORGIA**

**Great Southern Driving Academy LLC**

**CDL of Georgia**

**North Georgia Tech College**

**Moultrie Technical College**

<http://www.moultrietech.edu>

**Okefenokee Technical College**

**Southeastern Tech**

Altamaha Tech  
Carroll Technical  
DeKalb Technical Institute  
O'Geechee Tech  
Savannah Tech

**Tunnel Hill, GA**

**Winder, GA**

**Clarksville, GA**

**Tifton, GA**

**Waycross, GA**

**Vidalia, GA**

Baxley, GA  
Carrollton, GA  
Clarkston, GA  
Statesboro, GA  
Savannah, GA

**HAWAII**

Leeward Community College

Pearl City, HI

**IDAHO**

Sage Technical Services

Blackfoot, ID

Sage Technical Services

Coeur d'Alene, ID

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Sage Technical Services

Caldwell, ID

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**ILLINOIS**

**Wolf Driving Academy**

**Schaumburg, IL**

**Eagle Training Services**

**Lake in the Hills**

**Eagle Training Services**

**Rockford, IL**

**Eagle Training Services**

**Prospect Heights, IL**

Star Truck Driving School

Oswego, IL

Star Truck Driving School

Bensenville, IL

Star Truck Driving School

Hickory Hills, IL

Star Truck Driving School

South Holland, IL

Black Hawk College

Kewanee, IL

Elgin Community College

Elgin, IL

Highland Community College

Freeport, IL

Illinois Central College

Peoria, IL

John Wood Community College

Quincy, IL

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Kankakee Community College

Kankakee, IL

Kaskaskia College

Centralia, IL

Lake Land College

Mattoon, IL

Parkland College

Rantoul, IL

Prairie State College

Chicago Heights, IL

Rock Valley College

Rockford, IL

Shawnee Community College

Ullin, IL

Southeastern Illinois College

Harrisburg, IL

Spoon River College

Canton, IL

**Spirit CDL Training**

**Belvidere, IL**

**INDIANA**

Sage Technical School

Muncie, IN

Vincennes University Tractor Trailer Driver Training

Indianapolis, IN

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**IOWA**

Des Moines Area Community College

Des Moines, IA

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Hawkeye Community College

Waterloo, IA

Indian Hills Community College

Ottumwa, IA

Iowa Central Community College

Fort Dodge, IA

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Kirkwood Community College

Cedar Rapids, IA

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Scott Community College

Bettendorf, IA

**KANSAS**

Fort Scott Community College

Fort Scott, KS

Kansas City Community College Truck Driving

Kansas City, KS

Southwest Kansas Tech

Liberal, KS

Wichita Area Technical College

Wichita, KS

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**KENTUCKY**

**Mid-American Driving Academy**

**Delta Academy**

Bowling Green Technical College  
Ashland Technical College  
Elizabethtown Community College  
Gateway Community and Technical College  
Hazard Community Technical College  
Laurel Technical College  
West Kentucky Community and Technical College  
Somerset Technical College

**Mt. Sterling, KY**

Bowling Green, KY  
Ashland, KY  
Elizabethtown, KY  
Covington, KY  
Hazard, KY  
London, KY  
Mayfield, KY  
Somerset, KY

**LOUISIANA**

Coastal College  
Coastal College  
Louisiana Tech  
Louisiana Tech

Calhoun, LA  
Hammond, LA  
Bastrop, LA  
Monroe, LA

**MAINE**

Northeast Technical Institute  
Northeast Technical Institute  
Oxford Hills Adult Education/Oxford Hills Technical School

Portland, ME  
Bangor, ME  
  
Norway, ME

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**MARYLAND**

All-State Career  
Cecil County Community College  
College of Southern Maryland  
Dundalk Community College  
Frederick Community College

Baltimore, MD  
North East, MD  
LaPlata, MD  
Baltimore, MD  
Frederick, MD

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**MASSACHUSETTS**

Tri-State CDL Training Center  
United Tractor Trailer School

Holyoke, MA  
Chicopee, MA

**MICHIGAN**

**Trainco, Inc.**

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<http://www.traincoinc.com>

**Taylor, MI**

**Lansing, MI**

**Tri-State Driving School of Freeland, Inc.**

Baker College

Ferris State University  
Lansing Community College

**Freeland, MI**

Cadillac, Owosso and  
Saginaw, MI  
Big Rapids, MI  
Lansing, MI

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**MINNESOTA**

Lake Superior College  
Lake Superior College  
Riverland Community College

Hermantown, MN  
Duluth, MN  
Austin, MN

**MISSISSIPPI**

East Central Community College  
East Mississippi Community College  
Holmes Community College  
Itawamba Community College  
NW Mississippi Community College  
NW Mississippi Community College

Decatur, MS  
Mayhew, MS  
Goodman, MS  
Tupelo, MS  
Senatobia, MS  
Olive Branch, MS

**MISSOURI**

Crowder College  
Southern Missouri Truck Driving School

Neosho, MO  
Malden, MO

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**MONTANA**

Sage Technical Services  
Sage Technical Services

Billings, MT  
Missoula, MT

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**NEBRASKA**

Central Community College  
Crete Carrier Corporation  
Northeast Community College

Hastings, NE  
Lincoln, NE  
Norfolk, NE

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**NEVADA**

**Nevada Truck Driving School**

**Reno, NV**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

No Listings

**NEW JERSEY**

No Listings

**NEW MEXICO**

Albuquerque Technical/Vocational Institute  
Central New Mexico Community College  
Mesalands Community College

Albuquerque, NM  
Albuquerque, NM  
Tucumcari, NM

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**NEW YORK**

Commercial Driver Training, Inc.  
Mohawk Valley Community College  
National Tractor Trailer School, Inc.  
National Tractor Trailer School, Inc.  
Sage Technical Services

West Babylon, NY  
Rome, NY  
Liverpool, NY  
Buffalo, NY  
Vestal, NY

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**NORTH CAROLINA**

**Charlotte Truck Driver Training School**  
**Trans-Tech Driver Education**  
Caldwell Community College & Technology Institute

**Charlotte, NC**  
**Conover, NC**  
Hudson, NC

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Caldwell Community College & Technology Institute	Hickory, NC	<b>PTDI</b>
Isothermal Community College	Spindale, NC	<b>PTDI</b>

**NORTH DAKOTA**

No Listings

**OHIO**

<b>Trainco, Inc.</b>	<b>Perrysburg, OH</b>	
	<a href="http://www.traincoinc.com/trainco-truck-driving-school-findlay-ohio.asp">http://www.traincoinc.com/trainco-truck-driving-school-findlay-ohio.asp</a>	

<b>Trainco, Inc.</b>	<b>Findlay, OH</b>	
	<a href="http://www.traincoinc.com/trainco-truck-driving-school-findlay-ohio.asp">http://www.traincoinc.com/trainco-truck-driving-school-findlay-ohio.asp</a>	

<b>Great Lakes Truck Driving School</b>	<b>Columbia Station, OH</b>	
<b>Allied Training Systems</b>	<b>Aberdeen, OH</b>	
<b>Southern State Community College Truck Driving School</b>	<b>Hillsboro, OH</b>	
HR Career Development	West Unity, OH	<b>PTDI</b>
Ivy Tech State College	Cincinnati, OH	
<b>Owens Community College</b>	<b>Toledo, OH</b>	
TDDS Technical Institute	Lake Milton, OH	
<b>Hamrick School</b>	<b>Medina, OH</b>	
	<a href="http://www.hamrickschool.edu">http://www.hamrickschool.edu</a>	

**OKLAHOMA**

Central Tech Transportation & Safety Education	Drumright, OK	<b>PTDI</b>
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**OREGON**

Rogue Community College	White City, OR	
Western Pacific Truck School of Oregon	Portland, OR	<b>PTDI</b>

**PENNSYLVANIA – ALL SCHOOLS ARE PTDI CERTIFIED**

All State Career	Lester, PA	
Clearfield County Career & Technology Center	Clearfield, PA	
Lebanon County Career School	Lebanon, PA	
Lehigh Career & Technical Institute	Schnecksville, PA	
Northampton Community College Driver Training Program	Tobyhanna, PA	
Northampton Community College Driver Training Program	Bethlehem, PA	
Professional Drivers Academy	Milton, PA	
Schuylkill Technology Centers-Airport Campus	Pottsville, PA	
Trans American Technical Institute	Carbondale, PA	
York County School of Technology	York, PA	

**RHODE ISLAND**

No Listings

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

<b>Greenville Technical College</b>	<b>Greenville, SC</b>	
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Sage Truck Driving Schools  
Tri-County Tech  
York Tech

Columbia, SC  
Pendleton, SC  
Rock Hill, SC

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

Southeast Technical Institute

Sioux Falls, SD

**TENNESSEE**

**CCS Professional Driver Training Program**

Tennessee Technology Center  
Tennessee Technology Center

**Tennessee Truck Driving School**

**Fall Branch, TN**

Memphis, TN  
Nashville, TN

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**Knoxville, TN**

**TEXAS**

**Continental Truck Driving Training  
& Education**

ATDS  
Paris Junior College  
St. Phillips College  
Grayson County College  
Houston Community College  
Texarkana College  
Weatherford College

**Dallas, TX**

Elm Mott, TX  
Sulphur Springs, TX  
San Antonio, TX  
Denison, TX  
Houston, TX  
Texarkana, TX  
Mineral Wells, TX

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**UTAH**

Sage Technical Services

Salt Lake City, UT

**VERMONT**

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**VIRGINIA**

Blue Ridge Community College

Weyers Cave, VA

**WASHINGTON**

Bates Technical College  
Sage Technical Services  
Skagit Valley College

Tacoma, WA  
Spokane, WA  
Mt. Vernon, WA

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**WEST VIRGINIA**

**Ohio Valley Truck Driver Training School**

Fred W. Eberle Technical Center  
Mountaineer Transport  
Ohio Valley Truck Driver Training

**Williamstown, WV**

Buckhannon, WV  
Fraziers Bottom, WV  
Williamstown, WV

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**WISCONSIN**

Fox Valley Technical College  
Chippewa Valley Technical College

Appleton, WI  
Eau Claire, WI

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**WYOMING**

Sage Technical Services

Casper, WY

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Sage Technical Services

Cheyenne, WY

I hope this Truck Driving School Guide will be a valuable tool for you to help you in your search for the right truck driving school. At the time of this writing, all schools were verified and in operation. However, should you find a school that is no longer offering CDL training, please let us know so that we can keep this guide as up to date as possible.

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Please contact us if you would like further details about any of the above schools. Good luck and we wish you continued success in your truck driving career. All the best,

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