

Program Information: Commercial Driver License (CDL) Training



Program Overview:

Program teaches student basic truck driving skills introducing student to the field of heavy-duty trucking. Safety is emphasized as well as equipment knowledge and State and Federal Department of Transportation rules and regulations. Curriculum includes CTTS/NSCSI CDL Study Manual. Field training and testing is conducted on a one-to-one basis. Program prepares student for a [Montana Type 1 Certification Class A License](#) (inter-state). If student is 18 to 21, he/she prepares for a [Montana Type 2 Certification Class A License](#) (intra-state).

Program Provider:

Program is provided by Bitterroot College UM under the supervision of Commercial Driver License Program Instructor Curtis Bunton.

Program Location:

Bitterroot College, 103 South 9th Street, Hamilton, 59840

Program Schedule:

- Classroom instruction (*80 hours classroom and labs*)
 - **July 9 – July 20, 2018**
 - 8am-5pm, Monday thru Friday (*lunch break noon-1pm*)
- Learner's Permit
 - Exam taken at state motor vehicle division office; exam follows completion of classroom instruction; Learner's Permit fee is \$50 (**not** included in program fee)
- Field training (*5 days one-to-one training*)
 - Field training follows earning of Learner's Permit; field training scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis with special scheduling consideration given to non-local students
- State CDL Exam
 - Scheduled after completion of field training; exam is taken at state motor vehicle division office location in Missoula; instructor accompanies student; vehicle used during exam is Bitterroot College tractor trailer; exam cost already included in Learner's Permit fee
- Endorsements
 - Exams for [Tank Endorsement and Double/Triple Trailer Endorsement](#) are taken at student's convenience at any [state motor vehicle division office](#) (no additional fee for endorsement exams)
 - A Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Endorsement requires an online application and a scheduled visit to an application center. Visit www.tsa.gov/for-industry/hazmat-endorsement for complete application information.

Program Fee:

- Full payment of **\$4,750 is due by Thurs, July 5, 2018** (*see application for payment submission instructions*)
- Fee includes tuition, books & materials (both classroom and field), and drug screening results fee
- Fee does **not** include background check, motor vehicle record, Department of Transportation (DOT) Physical, drug screening sample, Learner's Permit, or TSA HAZPRINT (*for more information see **Program Application Requirements** section*)
- **Refund Policy:** 100% refund before payment due date; 90% refund between payment due date and course start date; no refund after course start date

Program Fee Assistance

➔ **IMPORTANT:** *Program Fee Assistance takes time to process; connect with assistance providers ASAP*

- Pathways Programs Funding (formerly WoRC), Human Resource Council, 303 North 3rd Street, Hamilton
 - Lisa Kearns, (406) 363-6101 ext. 237 **or** Holly Montgomery, (406) 363-6101 ext. 239

Program Fee Assistance *(continued)*

- Ravalli County Federal Credit Union - Bitterroot College Roadmap to Success Loans
 - Call 406.363-4631 and ask for a Loan Officer to learn loan details and submit a loan application
- Rural Employment Opportunities (REO)
 - Will Bodle, william@reomontana.org, (406) 274-4172
- Veterans Administration Educational Benefits
 - Meri Telin, meri1.telin@umontana.edu, (406) 375-0100, Bitterroot College, 103 S 9th, Hamilton
- Veterans Administration Vocational Rehabilitation Services Training Funds
 - Shak Emly, shak.emly@va.gov, (888) 279-7528; 2675 Palmer, Suite A, Missoula
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services Training Funds – Disability Employment Assistance Program
 - Sarah Seltzer, sseltzer@mt.gov, (406) 375-0203; Bitterroot College, 103 S 9th, Hamilton
- Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA), Job Service HRC Building, 303 North 3rd Street, Hamilton
 - DeLynn Gardner, dgardner@mt.gov, (406) 565-2243 **or** Chelle Twist, mtwist@mt.gov, (406) 560-1689
 - For non-Ravalli County residents, contact local Job Service office listed at jobservices.dli.mt.gov/

Program Application Requirements *(documentation must be submitted with application)*

- *Current Montana Driver License and must be at least 18 years of age*
 - Attach photocopy of current and valid Montana Driver License to program application
- *Background Check*
 - Visit app.mt.gov/choprs/ and under **Public Users** click on **Start Service**
 - Cost is \$14.50; pay online with eCheck, credit card, or debit card
 - Print background check document and attach to program application
- *Motor Vehicle Record*
 - Visit app.mt.gov/dojdrs/ and click on **Public User** and select **1. To obtain my own driving record**
 - Cost is \$7.25; pay online with eCheck, credit card, or debit card
 - Print motor vehicle record document and attach to program application
- *Department of Transportation (DOT) Physical*
 - Obtain a [DOT Physical](#) through a DOT Certified Medical Examiner (\$60-\$150)
 - Visit nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/NRPublicUI/Drivers.seam for a listing of local DOT Certified Medical Examiners
 - Attach Certified Medical Examiner's proof of DOT Physical to program application

Note: certain medical conditions (e.g., insulin-dependent diabetes) may disqualify applicant, require DOT Medical Waiver, or affect employment outlook. For more information on DOT physical qualifications read [FMCSR 391.41](#), [FMCSR 391.43](#), and [FMCSR 391.64](#) or discuss with your healthcare provider.

- *Drug Screening*
 - Drug Screening Steps:
 1. Call **The ChemNet Consortium** at (800) 597-7103 and pre-pay drug testing fee of \$35; you will need a credit card or debit card.
 2. Schedule a drug testing appointment for collection of sample. Cost is approximately \$40.
 - **Bitterroot Valley Mobile Drug & DNA Testing**, Tami Chaffin RMA, (406) 550-0579 or bvmobilemt@gmail.com (BV Mobile will come to you)
 - **Missoula Medical**, Kamai Verworn RMA, (406) 543-6850, 1805 Bancroft, Missoula
 3. Drug Screening results are sent to Bitterroot College. We will notify you of your results.

Retain Program Information for Your Records

Questions? Contact the Bitterroot College at (406) 375-0100 or email meri1.telin@umontana.edu or visit www.umt.edu/bc

Summarize previous experience with heavy-duty trucking (if any): _____

What are your employment goals for obtaining a Commercial Driver License (CDL)? _____

By signing this application, I certify that my application information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that falsification or omission of information may result in denial or rescinding of admission to Bitterroot College's Continuing Education Commercial Driver License Training Program.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Required Application Materials

- ___ Complete Application
- ___ MT Driver License
- ___ Background Check
- ___ DOT Physical
- ___ Drug Screen

Reviewer's name: _____

Reviewer's comments:

Payment Type: _____

Application reviewed on _____ **Accepted** _____ **Denied** _____
Date