



University of New Mexico-Taos Commercial Driver's License Certificate

The CDL program is designed to prepare students with the knowledge and ability required to pass the CDL written and driving skills tests. Through practical skills training, the CDL program helps students become safe and knowledgeable entrants into the commercial vehicle driver work force, and provides short-term work force training certificates that meet industry standards. Upon successful completion of the CDL program, students earn industry-recognized credentials for the truck driving industry. **UNM-Taos reserves the right to make necessary changes as needed.** *Students should consult with an advisor prior to enrollment.*

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Students must have a valid New Mexico Driver's License or be able to obtain one, prior to the first day of instruction.
2. Students must be at least 18 years of age for intrastate driving or 21 years of age for interstate driving.
3. Federal law states that CDL drivers must be able read and speak English. *** Inability to read, write and do basic math may greatly limit your work opportunities and impede your ability to acquire a CDL Permit. Literacy assistance is available through the UNM Taos Adult Learning Center.*
4. Students must have no currently suspended driver's license in ANY state. Since the CDL licensing system shares information with all states, a suspended driver's license in another state will be discovered.
5. Students must be able to pass a Department of Transportation (DOT) physical and drug screen. *** A person testing positive for marijuana will be immediately dropped from the class. Testing positive for prescription drugs may be accepted with a valid prescription and is based on the determination of an independent Medical Review Officer.*
Please note, a copy of a passed DOT Physical and Drug Screen will be required prior to the first day of instruction. Please see the attached intake checklist and schedule for additional information.
6. Students must meet all requirements for CDL drivers as determined by State and Federal Agencies. **Students, please refer to the first chapter of the NM MVD CDL Manual, which outlines all requirements and potential disqualifying conditions for CDL drivers.**
7. Students must be able to acquire a NM CDL permit. **Students, please refer to the Commercial Driver's License permit requirements attached to this document, as well as the intake checklist and schedule. This permit is valid for 6 months from date of issue and is required in order to take the CDL license exam.**

Required Courses:

15 credit hours

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) 110 CDL A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) 111 CDL Road Driving Commercial Driver's License (CDL) 120 CDL Range & Yard Skills Commercial Driver's License (CDL) 121 Endorsement Training Commercial Driver's License (CDL) 210 Yard Skills II
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TOTAL CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED: 15

*Commercial Driver's License (CDL) 215 Class B Passenger Endorsement (3) provides students immediate work force training, but not required for the certificate. CDL 215 may be taken without enrollment in the other required CDL courses.

****In addition to tuition costs, there is an additional \$1750 Program Fee associated with this program.**