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TO BE
ELIGIBLE:

To be eligible for admissions to the BBCC Commercial Driver’s Program applicants must complete the following (and is recommended that items be completed in this order):

1. Letter of intent from a sponsoring agency or full payment for private parties.
2. State of Washington Community and Technical College Application for Admission (Application for Admission BBCC)
3. Copy of completed Department of Transportation (DOT) Physical.
4. Copy of Social Security Number.
5. Copy of 3 year Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) print.
6. CDL Program Application.
7. A pre-enrollment controlled substances test is mandatory. The test will be taken at the start of the program no later than the fifth day of class. If the controlled substances test results are positive, the applicant will be expelled.

Dislocated or unemployed workers may be eligible for funding. Those with dependant children and others may qualify for other funding sources. V.A. approved.
A local and national shortage exists for long haul truck drivers. Recruiters for major trucking firms are excited about instructional emphasis on professionalism, human relations and “attitude”. Defensive driving techniques, brake adjustment, equipment inspection, log books, trip planning and safety of the 6 week course.

BBCC also has a 10 week program offering evening and weekend courses that focus on students who do not speak English as their native language. The program is offered throughout the school year and summer as student demand dictates.

CDL “Class A” Program Description Big Bend’s 6 week CDL program requires 240 clock hours (17 college credits) which includes 80 hours of classroom preparation and 160 hours of driving instruction and experience. The program prepares students for the CDL driving examination and entry level employment.

Students Experience Quality Driving Time The college’s CDL program operates 10 tractors and 11 trailers. Students switch between different tractor/trailer combinations to experience the feel of different engines and gear ratios. A 5000 gallon tanker is filled with water so students encounter “surge” during driving experiences. Other equipment includes a set of double trailers, 45 foot flatbeds, 42 and 45 foot refrigerated trailers, two 48 foot dry vans and one 53 foot dry van. Concrete blocks weighing up to 24 tons are loaded on the flatbed so the students learn to drive with cargo.

Big Bend’s CDL program provides ideal training facilities, including a large backing range on the BBCC campus. Add Moses Lake’s central location and proximity to various driving conditions and the college has the formula to successfully train long haul truck drivers.

Tuition and Fees Students should plan for tuition fees. Dislocated or unemployed workers may be eligible for financial assistance. The CDL program is eligible for federal financial aid and is V.A. approved. For more information contact the Financial Aid Office at 509.793.2034.

For tuition and fee information and application, contact Instructional Services at 509.793.2045 or Randy Miller at 509.793.2295.

The 6 week course provides 2 weeks of classroom study and 4 weeks of driving instruction and experience. Classes cover professional topics and prepare students for entry level job opportunities. Classes include defensive driving techniques, brake adjustment, equipment inspection, hazardous material transportation, DOT log books, trip planning and other related topics.

The CDL Program is 240 clock hours (17 college credits) with 80 hours of classroom study and 140 hours of driving instruction and experience.

The CDL Program prepares students for the Commercial Driver License examination and entry level employment. Regular attendance and punctuality are critical for successful completion.

Commercial truck driving is quickly transforming into a family oriented business.