

Commercial Class “B” Driving Program

Good Afternoon!

I hope you are well. You have submitted an initial application for the Commercial Vehicle Driving Program at Marion Technical College. I thought you may be interested to know that in addition to the Commercial Vehicle Driving (CDL A) program, MTC has a CDL Class “B” Driving program. This four-week course is for drivers 18 years old and older, and is less than half the cost and half of the time of the Commercial Vehicle Driving course. Most of the employment opportunities for CDL B drivers allow the drivers to be home every night, or almost every night. The 150 - hour (4 - week course) Truck Driver Class "B" course prepares students for entry into the trucking and logistics industry. The course requires students to drive 200 miles of local and highway driving which includes 40 miles of driving at night. Once you complete the class, you will take the CDL B driving exam at MTC’s third-party testing facility. Financial Assistance is available for those who qualify.

Having a Commercial Class “B” License means you can drive (some require additional endorsements) any of the following vehicles:

- straight trucks
- buses; including city transport buses and tour buses (NOT school buses -COUNTY)
- segmented buses
- delivery and courier trucks
- concrete delivery trucks
- dump and garbage trucks
- utility repair vehicles
- tow trucks

During this course, students will:

- explore career opportunities and requirements of a professional class "B" truck driver.
- study vehicle safety, accident prevention, operating regulations, cargo handling, documentation procedures, pre-trip preparation, vehicle inspection, maintenance, service, control procedures, backing, maneuvering, road and hazardous driving skills, and licensing requirements.
- take the driving exam at MTC’s third party testing facility.

The requirements for entering this course include:

- At least 18 years of age
- State of Florida issued Driver’s License
- Complete your MTC application
- Full certified driving record
- No more than 6 points on Driving Record in last 36 months

- No recent felonies
- Pass DOT physical with at least one-year term
- Acquire CDL B driving permit prior to enrollment session
- DOT Drug Screening

You currently have an MTC Program application in progress. Simply complete that application to begin the process. We want to see you in either the CDL B course or CDL A course.

For more information, contact the Logistics and Transportation Department at Earl.Scott@marion.k12.fl.us, Laura.Ulrich@marion.k12.fl.us or call 352-671-7273.

Next Tentative dates for CDL B are:

September 9 – October 2, 2024

October 28 – November 20, 2024

January 13, 2025 – February 6, 2025