

GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE
SYLLABUS
CDL 141, Cooperative Work Experience
7 Credits

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in CDL 125, 135, and 140. All CDL core courses need to be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

Advanced on-the-job training for entry-level long haul truck driving jobs. Truck drivers in the program are on the road approximately 231 hours (split between driving time and on-duty not driving time). The experience should include cornering, backing, city and highway driving, coupling and uncoupling, loading, load securement, and unloading. Training should also include DOT logbooks (timekeeping records), trip planning, map reading, and other tasks inherent in operating an over-the-road truck. 21 cooperative experience hours.

II. LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students will have the opportunity to participate in on-the-job training in the commercial truck driving industry.

To meet course standards and demonstrate his/her ability to meet the outcomes expectation of this course, Disciplinary Learning (DL-4), Literacy (L-2), Critical Thinking (CT-4), Social and Personal Responsibility (SR-2), and Information Use (IU-1)personal resources, the student will complete assignments that demonstrate their ability to:

- Refine safe driving techniques. (DL, CT, SR)
- Refine proper procedures for left and right hand turns. (DL, CT, SR)
- Refine proper shifting, braking, and mirror use. (DL, CT, SR)
- Refine proper procedures for pre-trip and post-trip inspections. (DL, CT, SR)
- Refine safe and proper procedure for coupling and uncoupling. (DL, CT, SR)
- Refine safe backing procedures. (DL, CT, SR)

III. TEXTBOOKS

Tractor-Trailer Driver Training, J. J. Keller
Washington State Commercial Driver's Guide
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations

IV. OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Log Book, Department of Transportation
Journal
Carrier's Driver's handbook if applicable

V. TECHNIQUE OF INSTRUCTION

This class is conducted in an on-the-job setting to gain experience in the work environment. Student will be under the guidance/supervision of a participating commercial carrier.

VII. METHOD OF EVALUATION

Assignments	25%
Journal Report	25%
Attendance.....	25%
Participation.....	25%

Student Evaluated on:

- Work habits
- Attendance
- Attitude
- Care of equipment
- Safe driving technique
- Competency evaluation

Must maintain CDL attendance and punctuality standards.

VIII. ATTENDANCE POLICY

This class is training for an industry that values dependability and timeliness. Also the class time structure is such that missing class will be extremely detrimental to the student; therefore, the following attendance standards will be in effect. Any student missing more than 3 days will not receive a grade higher than “C”. More than 6 absences will result in a failing grade.

Punctuality is also emphasized both in the industry and in the classroom. Being late in industry can cause thousands of dollars of lost revenue/production. Being late to class is a disruption to the class and a discourtesy to fellow classmates and the instructor. Being late will be considered an absence.

The student is responsible for knowing how many absences they have incurred.

Tests will not be repeated. Students not present for a test will be given a failing grade for the test. Students not present or late for their driving time will miss that time.

Disabilities:

Any individual who has a documented disability, which might interfere with his/her ability to fully participate in this class may be eligible for accommodations. Feel free to contact the instructor outside of class or contact the Disability Support Program at (360) 538-4068 (toll-free 1-800-562-4830, ext. 4068) or the office is located on campus in Student Services, room 119. Any information regarding disability will be kept confidential.