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## **Commercial Driver Training Curriculum**

### **Online CDL test prep (Theory)**

- Orientation
- Control Systems/Dashboard
- Pre- and Post-Trip Inspections
- Basic Control
- Shifting/Operating Transmissions
- Backing and Docking
- Coupling and Uncoupling
- Safe Operating Procedures
- Visual Search
- Communication
- Distracted Driving
- Speed Management
- Space Management
- Night Operation
- Extreme Driving Conditions
- Advanced Operating Practices
- Hazard Perception
- Skid Control/Recovery, Jackknifing, and Other Emergencies
- Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings
- Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions
- Identification and Diagnosis of Malfunctions
- Roadside Inspections
- Maintenance
- Non-Driving Activities
- Handling and Documenting Cargo
- Environmental Compliance Issues
- Hours of Service Requirements
- Fatigue and Wellness Awareness
- Post-Crash Procedures
- External Communications
- Whistleblower/Coercion
- Trip Planning
- Drugs/Alcohol
- Medical Requirements

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### **Class A Behind the Wheel (BTW) Range and Public Road**

- Vehicle Inspection Pre-Trip/ Enroute/Post-Trip
- Straight Line Backing
- Alley Dock Backing (45/90 Degree)
- Off-Set Backing
- Parallel Parking Blind Side
- Parallel Parking Sight Side
- Coupling and Uncoupling
- Vehicle Controls Including: Left Turns, Right Turns, Lane Changes, Curves at Highway Speeds, and Entry and Exit on the Interstate or Controlled Access Highway
- Shifting/Transmission
- Communications/Signaling
- Visual Search
- Speed and Space Management
- Safe Driver Behavior
- Hours of Service (HOS) Requirements
- Hazard Perception
- Railroad (RR)-Highway Grade Crossing
- Night Operation
- Extreme Driving Conditions
- Skid Control/Recovery, Jackknifing, and Other Emergencies

#### **Prerequisite(s)**

- CDL test prep – None
- Class A Behind the Wheel (BTW) Range and Public Road – A valid State of Arkansas CDL permit and DOT Physical

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