Description of Training:
General truck driving with hands-on skills development and instruction coordinated with the Dept. of Transportation.

Class Start Dates: April 6 - May 14, 2015
Class Times: Monday – Thursday, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm
Location: San Jacinto College Central Campus, 8060 Spencer Highway, Pasadena, TX 77505

Topics:
1. Recognizing and avoiding common safety hazards associated with operating commercial vehicles;
2. Demonstrating safe operation of a commercial vehicle in different traffic situations;
3. Operating a tractor-trailer combination;
4. Maneuvering commercial tractor-trailer combinations forward and backward around various obstacles;
5. Application of Department of Transportation regulations to commercial tractor-trailer operations;
6. Demonstrating the safe operation and compliance with the law in various maneuvers of a commercial vehicle in different traffic situations;
7. Principles of defensive driving;

Training Requirements:

Applicants to the Professional Truck Driving Program must:
• Be at least 18 years of age;
• Pass a mandatory drug test 7 days or less before the 1st day of class*;
• Pass a mandatory DOT Physical. Be in reasonably good physical condition and have no serious physical handicaps (see Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulation 391.41);
• Applicants who were born outside the U.S. or who graduated from high school outside the U.S. must be able to provide adequate proof of competency in English or pass the English Proficiency Test administered by the Testing Center at San Jacinto College;
• Applicants with F-1 Visa must be certified for English competency and be approved by the International Student Advisor at San Jacinto College;
• Have a valid Texas Class A Restricted License (commercial learner’s permit)
• Have a valid Social Security Number
• May need original or certified copy of birth certificate
• Have no travel restrictions.
*Additional information will be provided as to where to obtain drug testing.

Scholarship covers tuition only.

**Students must pay for: DOT physical, drug screening, licenses, textbooks, and supplies. Estimated cost to student is approx. $300

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**FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY, scholarships may be available through the Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG) fund, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) or other college scholarship programs. Some courses may require minimal contributions by eligible candidates.