

ATDS SYLLABUS

PTD-100 Truck Driving Course (210 Clock Hours)

Subject Description:	PTD-100 teaches students the basic skills and knowledge to enter the trucking industry. Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive a Class A driver license from the Texas Department of Public Safety.
Subject Hours:	210 hours consisting of classroom and hands-on driving. Classes are held in 20 days over a 4 week period and consist of five 10.5 hours per day for a total of 52.5 hours per week, with 30 minutes for lunch break.
Performance Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate basic shifting procedures and patterns. • Successfully back a tractor trailer in open road and loading dock situations. • Learn safe operating practices including visual search, signaling, use of horn, and maintaining safe speed. • Demonstrate advanced driving skills to emergency and poor road conditions. • Understand proper vehicle and trailer maintenance. • Prepare the Drivers Daily Log book. • Learn procedures on loading and unloading cargo.
Prerequisites:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must be capable, both mentally and physically, of performing the tasks involved at • the school and in the resultant employment in the career field. ATDS will accept the Texas Department of Public Safety AR certified abstract of complete driver record as a written entrance exam. • Be at least 21 years of age or have a pre-hire letter from company; • Have an acceptable driving record; • Complete and pass the Department of Transportation Physical Examination • Pass the Department of Transportation Drug Screen • Pass and have a Texas Department of Transportation (TDPS) CLP Learners Permit, with CDL Written Tests Completed (air brakes, combination vehicles and general knowledge) completed at the Waco TDPS ; • Have the ability to read, write, and speak the English language; • Meet requirements of the Motor Carrier Federal Safety Regulations and Qualifications for drivers.
Required Textbooks	Provided by ATDS
Instruction Methods:	ATDS uses lecture, PowerPoint presentations, videos, and hands-on skills labs.
Maximum Student: Instructor Ratio	Classroom: 32:1 Range practice 2:1 Street driving 3:1.
Materials and Media References:	Provided by ATDS
Content Outline	89.00 hours 210-1 Orientation and Basic Operation 65.25 hours 210-2 Safe Orientating Practices for Basic Operations

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	09.50 hours 210-3 Advanced Operating Practices Night Operation 17.25 hours 210-4 Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions Identification and Maintenance 29.00 hours 210-5 Non-Vehicle Activities: (Cargo and Trips Accident Prevention and Procedures Personal Development)
Basis of Grades:	Tests Hands-on Skill Test