



Transportation Opportunity Program (TOP)

This Sector-Wide Program provides training in Class “A” driver skills.

Three (3) formidable groups came together to establish the Transportation Opportunity Program (T.O.P.)

1. Southern California Workforce Partnership (SCWP)
2. Teamsters Joint Council 42 Training Academy
3. Major LA Area Employers

Southern California Workforce Partnership (SCWP):

Candidates apply for enrollment at a participating SCWP Center. SCWP Centers are the “entry-points for educational opportunity” across the greater Los Angeles area. Centers confirm-eligibility, pre-qualify and assess supportive-service needs. Candidates who successfully complete this initial computer and vocational skills training are eligible to attend the Driver Training Academy.

Transportation Opportunity Program (TOP) Training Academy:

The Training Academy’s course is 4-weeks of intensive behind-the-wheel training. The curriculum is specifically designed to meet employment requirements of participating Employers. Graduates are certified by the Academy and eligible for employment with participating Employers. The Academy is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt community based non-profit.

Major La Area Employers:

All training equipment (tractors and trailers) is donated from Major LA Area Employers. Employers participate in the curriculum-design. Employers provide opportunity for employment to qualified Class “A” program graduates, who successfully meet and pass the Employer’s interview and pre-employment process.

Program Funding:

The Academy funding from five sources:

1. Los Angeles City Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Grant
2. CA State Employment Training Panel (ETP) Grant
3. Employers - Training Equipment
4. Employers – Employer-Paid Training Programs
5. Donor Contributions

LA-WIB and CA-ETP employment training grants can cover the “entire cost” of the eligible student’s education, with no tuition charged to student.

Information:

******Enrollment Questions******

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“Family Outing” - Artist, Frank Romero
Popular Transportation Theme Artist

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TRANSPORTATION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (T.O.P.)



Class “A” Driver - Four (4) Week Program

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The Employers are active participants in curriculum-design and equipment donation. Many participating Employers have labor agreements with the Teamsters Union covering wages, benefits and pension. Employers are opportunities for employment to qualified Program graduates, who successfully meet and pass the Employer’s interview and pre-employment process.

WEEK ONE

- Orientation to Transportation Opportunity Program Training Academy
- History of the trucking Industry
- DOT rules and regulations
- Logbooks - Manual and Electronic
- Pre and post trip inspection
- Coupling and uncoupling
- Beginning shifting
- Straight line backing
- Up shifting and downshifting
- Sight side backing
- Offset alley backing
- Introduction to finding a job in the trucking industry
- Parallel parking
- Backing and shifting practice
- Left hand turns in practice area.

WEEK TWO

- Continued backing and shifting practice
- Right hand turns in the practice area
- Accident procedures
- Street rules and regulations
- Vehicle positioning in traffic
- Hazard perception
- Beginning on street driving in local area
- Docking in public loading docks
- Night driving precautions hands on
- Continuation of street driving on local area
- Continuation of docking in public loading docks
- Left and right hand jack knife Trailer for loading and unloading
- Professional driver Improvement course, Part 1
- Safe Following distances
- Entering and exiting freeway traffic
- Chaining Up Truck and Trailer

WEEK THREE

- City driving
- Highway driving
- Low overhead clearances
- Coupling and uncoupling doubles
- Maneuvering doubles.
- Basic truck maintenance
- Continuation of city driving and low overhead clearances
- Continuation of highway driving
- Fuel efficient driving techniques
- Visit to California weigh station
- Two lane, rural road driving

WEEK FOUR

- Two-lane driving
- Continuation of city and highway driving
- Hazardous material hauling
- Bills of lading
- Fire extinguisher use
- Practice on city and highway driving
- Conclusion of Professional Driver Improvement Course
- Taking student to DMV for road test
- Graduation