



## Winona Campus Truck Driving Program Pre-Requisites

**In order to register for Truck Driving classes, you must first obtain the following:**

➤ **DOT Physical**

Call your local physician's office or chiropractor's office. Be sure to specify it is a DOT physical. This is not the same as a regular physical. The cost of this DOT Physical will need to be covered by you, or an insurance plan (if applicable). You will receive paperwork showing completion of the DOT physical, which is good for 2 years.

To find a provider on the National Registry of Certified Registered Examiners, visit:

<https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/home>

➤ **VALID CLASS "A" CDL PERMIT**

To obtain a Class A Permit, you will need to study for and take these written tests at your local DMV:

1. General Knowledge
2. Air Brakes
3. Combination

**NOTE:** The Class A permit is only valid for 6-months. Therefore, please ensure that you are able to start AND COMPLETE the truck driving program within that window of time. We recommend waiting to take your permit test until closer to the first day of truck driving course registration. Contact the Admissions office to find out when registration opens for your intended start date.

Contact your local DMV when ready to take your Class "A" permit test. Be sure to call ahead to see if they require an appointment. There is generally no cost to take the permit test, but there is a fee for processing your permit card, upon successful completion of the permit test.

**IMPORTANT:** Once complete, please turn in a copy of both your DOT Physical and your Class A CDL Permit to Chris Cook, in the Admissions Office. A clear, scanned copy or photo emailed is acceptable. Email to [Christopher.Cook@Southeastmn.edu](mailto:Christopher.Cook@Southeastmn.edu)

**If you prefer, you may drop off a copy on campus, or mail to:**

Minnesota State College Southeast  
Attn: Admissions Office  
1250 Homer Rd  
Winona, MN 55987

**Upon receipt of the above items, you will be emailed instructions on how to register for truck driving classes. Keep in mind that classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited.**

**\*Important: Please also bring your permit and DOT Physical card with you on your first day of classes.**

***See Reverse for Study Resources***

## Study Resources

We highly recommend utilizing the following resources for studying/preparing for the Class A CDL Permit Test. These resources have proven to be very important to successfully passing the permit test.

### Minnesota Study Manual:

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/forms-documents/Documents/Commercial%20Drivers%20License%20Manual.pdf>

Or Google: [Minnesota Class A CDL Manual](#)

### Wisconsin Study Manual:

<https://wisconsin.gov/Documents/dmv/shared/bds356-cdl-manual.pdf>

Or Google: [Wisconsin Class A CDL Manual](#)

If you live in another state, please look up your state's Class A CDL Manual. Be sure you are utilizing the most recent version of the manual.

### DMV Genie:

We encourage downloading this app: **DMV Genie** (shown at right) to your smartphone or tablet, to help you with studying and preparing for the CDL Class A Permit test. It is **not required**, but certainly helpful to study for the CDL Class A test. You can select your state for specific information and test questions relevant to each state.



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We recommend the paid (premium) version, if you can. With this, you get 880 Exam-like questions and 32 realistic practice tests. Currently this is priced at \$24.99/month, but you will likely only need it for a month or two. It is more helpful in preparing for the permit test than the non-paid version.

There are other free (or low-cost) practice tests also available online.

**If you have questions or need help with completing these pre-requisite requirements, please reach out to Chris Cook, Admissions Representative, at 507-453-2410, or email [Christopher.Cook@Southeastmn.edu](mailto:Christopher.Cook@Southeastmn.edu)**