COURSE OUTLINE

Description:
“The MTI Way” Class 1 professional driver training is a full-time program designed to provide students with a superior level of instruction and an in-depth analysis of all the requirements necessary to begin a professional driving career. This is an 8 week program designed to prepare you for a successful career as a Professional Driver. The 8 weeks of full time (40+ hrs/week) training consists of in class / lab, behind the wheel in the yard / on the road, as well as observation time. During the first 4 weeks of the program you will learn all the skills required to pass an ICBC road test, which is scheduled for the end of week 4. During the remaining 4 weeks of the program (Advanced Employability Skills weeks 5 through 8), the student must successfully complete 17 skills evaluations as well as pass written evaluations and a final exam with a minimum of 80%. Graduation from the program is when the student successfully completes all 8 weeks. At this time students have the option to go straight to work (some employers hire our grads at this point) or continue on to the Coach / Mentor Program (CMP) - 4 weeks with one of our carrier partners.

Course Requirements/Prerequisites:
For the application process, students are required to:

- supply a current driver’s abstract (contact ICBC at 1-800-950-1498, select #1 and request your driver’s abstract be faxed to MTI at 1-250-365-5505);

- provide a current resume;

- have a pre enrollment interview with one of our instructors (phone or in person) – this interview is used as pre-entrance screening and entails a discussion of:
  - the student’s driving record and how it may affect their employability,
  - understanding the trucking lifestyle and how it will affect your home life,
  - expectations of employment to ensure your goals are attainable;

- obtain a valid Class 1 learner’s license by completing an online multiple choice test at your local motor vehicle office (the book used to study is “Driving Commercial Vehicles” and can be picked up at no charge from any motor vehicle office or MTI);
Hours of Instruction:

The 8 weeks consist of a minimum:

- 85 hours behind the wheel – in the truck driving, in the yard / on the road;
- 60 hours of in truck observation time – in the truck while partner drives in the yard / on the road;
- 120 hours of classroom / lab – held at MTI in the classroom or the truck yard;
- Students may practice on the shifting simulator, as well as practice their pre-trip, enroute, post-trip inspections, coupling / uncoupling on their days off as MTI is open 7 days per week.
- Pre reading / studying and memorization of procedures will also require 10 plus hours per week of your time.

Optional 4 weeks (based on successful completion of skills and evaluations in first 8 weeks):

- 100 practical work hours (minimum) – behind the wheel with a partner carrier in the Coach / Mentor Program (CMP).

Learning Outcomes (Objectives):

- Training with a fully-loaded 53’ trailer and a 100,000lb loaded tridem step-deck
- Public relations (how to deal with your customers)
- Preparing and daily use of log books
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods
- Border crossing procedures
- Documentation required on a daily basis
- Proper use and troubleshooting of air brake systems
- Pre-trip, post-trip and en-route inspection
- Understanding the components of a tractor trailer
- Backing/docking maneuvers and procedures using a 53’ trailer
- Proper shifting techniques
- Driving for fuel economy
- Driving defensively
- Driving in the mountains and adverse conditions
- Night driving
- Loading and unloading procedures
- Basic load securement procedures
- Theory of on board computer use
- Electronic engine controls and troubleshooting
- ABS codes
- Trip planning skills
- Proper reporting of defects
- Dealing with dispatch
- Sliding axles and 5th wheels
- Proper chain-up techniques
- Coupling/uncoupling procedure
- Driving bobtail
- Plus more

Evaluation:
The MTI Way program is divided into four forms of evaluation:
1. Written evaluations;
2. ICBC Class 1 road test;
3. 17 skills evaluations;
4. 1 final certification exam.

To successfully complete this course, students must achieve a grade of 80% or higher on all written evaluations and the final exam. Skills evaluations must all be completed to The MTI Way set guidelines before the completion of the program. Students are provided with three opportunities to pass all of the unit and skills evaluations and 2 attempts at the certification exam. The ICBC Class 1 road test must be passed with fewer than 60 demerits.

Attendance and Dress Expectations:
The program is designed to help you achieve your goal in a timely fashion; your attendance to all training sessions is mandatory. Failure to attend at the scheduled times will result in your training time being forfeited. Students must notify the office if they will be unable to attend for any reason so we know you are safe.

To qualify for the CMP: A student must be in attendance a minimum of 80% of all scheduled time and successfully complete the course.

Students are expected to dress appropriately for all practical (hands-on) sections of the course, i.e. coveralls, rain gear, gloves are required, steel toe shoes or boots may be required. Shorts are not permitted.
Course Details:

In Cab Training:
The MTI Way program is run at a 2:1 ratio in the cab. Each student receives a minimum of 85 hours Behind The Wheel (BTW) and in the yard as well as a minimum of 60 hours observation time. Yard time is spent backing, docking, coupling, uncoupling and performing inspections (pre-trip/enroute/post-trip). There will be one week of night shift to provide the students with night driving experience. Students are taught with fully loaded tandem (53 foot) and tridem trailers to ensure they receive training on industry standard configurations.

Once students have completed all their skills evaluations they may have the option of using our loaded Super ‘B’ trailers, if required by their employer.

Students must complete the following skills evaluations while driving:

- Driving Bobtail
- Pre-trip inspection
- En-route inspection
- Post-trip Inspection
- Driving in Adverse Conditions
- Defensive Driving Urban
- Defensive Driving Highway
- Chain-up
- Sliding 5th Wheel / Trailer Axles
- Coupling/uncoupling
- Driving in Mountains and Hills
- Shifting
- Backing and Docking
- Maintaining Vehicles
- Log Books
- Complete a Trip Plan
- Satisfying Customers

Students receive 3 opportunities to successfully complete each of these skills.

Once all evaluations and skills are successfully completed the student then qualifies for the CMP. This includes a minimum of 100 hours behind the wheel training with a coach / mentor. The 100 hours are to be completed in a 4 week period. The CMP is optional as some employers will hire our graduates after successful completion of the first eight weeks.
Course Fees:
The following is a cost breakdown of The MTI Way and additional fees that you may incur during your training:

Mountain Transport Institute fees*  
- Tuition Fees $14,500  
- Text Books 200  
- Application Fee 104 (Non-Refundable)  
- Total Cost $14,804

ICBC costs* (payable to ICBC)  
- Class 1 Road Test $60  
- Written Tests – Class 1 Learner’s, Air Brakes 15 per day  
- Duplicate License Certification 17  
- Medical Processing Fee (an admin fee) 28

Other*  
- Criminal Record Check $25  
- Drug and Alcohol Test 100  
- Medical Exam (actual doctor’s visit) 75 to 150

*Pricing may change without notice.

Accommodations  
- Room & board, shared or private suite $150 to 200 / week

Accommodations are provided by local residents who have room & board, private furnished suites or shared (private bedroom, shared kitchen and living spaces) accommodation available. Once you have completed the pre-enrolment interview and your funding has been approved, we will provide names and phone numbers for the type of accommodation that you have requested.

Course fees do not include travel expenses (to and from Castlegar), meals or any other living expenses.

Please feel free to contact MTI for further information at 1-877-965-3748 or info@drivemti.com.