

OPPORTUNITY

CDL

What does it mean to have your Commercial Drivers License?

Let's ask some training program graduates:

"Passing my road test was the best day of my life. Thank you, Lillian, and thanks to all who made this possible."

"This program is best thing to come to Ithaca in a long time."

"Now I have a chance to get good-paying job, with benefits. My family is very proud of me."

"Thank you for helping me change my life."

"The CDL Job Fair helped me get a position. Thank you!"



Kenny, a recent CDL program graduate, at his new place of employment as a paid driver for Gadabout Transportation Services.



Shane, a successful CDL program graduate, talks with a potential employer at the first CDL Job Fair.

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Front cover photo: Fellow trainees came out to support Max, on the day he took and passed his road test!

FREE TRAINING

Commercial Drivers License



**EARN YOUR CDL !
THE START OF A GREAT CAREER**

School bus, transit bus, motor coach, construction truck, etc.

**Behind-the-wheel training
Testing and licensing
Job interviews and placement
Career support**

**Certified Trainer: Lillian Lightbourn
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YOU'RE INVITED

A CDL can help you get many different kinds of jobs, including:

School Bus Operator
Public Transit Bus Operator
Paratransit Transport
Motor Coach Operator
Dump Truck Driver
Waste Management Truck Driver
Taxi Driver
Highway Department Worker
Construction Project Worker
Union Worker

DID YOU KNOW? There is a shortage of people who have Commercial Drivers Licenses. Good-paying, stable jobs are waiting for qualified applicants. Having a CDL gives you more choices of employment.

Women, single parents, people of color, unemployed and underemployed residents are encouraged to apply!



CDL trainer Lillian (center) with a group of her trainees.

CDL TRAINING PARTNERSHIP FACTS

- ▶ Almost everyone who signs up for the program completes it successfully. Almost everyone who graduates goes on to get a job.
- ▶ The training, written and road tests, and other requirements of CDL licensing are FREE to all participants. All fees are paid.
- ▶ Anyone may apply. The program favors applicants who are:
 - Unemployed or underemployed;
 - People of color;
 - Women; and/or
 - Single parents.
- ▶ The program seeks applicants who live in the City of Ithaca first, followed by residents of any other part of Tompkins County.
- ▶ Assistance with day care is available.
- ▶ The program consists of classroom training (we all learn together and no one is left behind!) and hands-on training in the CDL training bus.
- ▶ Trainees who successfully complete the course and earn their CDLs receive a \$300 stipend to reward them for their efforts.
- ▶ All trainees and graduates are invited to a Job Fair, where they can meet and interview with prospective area employers.
- ▶ Trainees are responsible adults who want to acquire a lifelong skill and earn a good living.
- ▶ At course completion, you may invite friends and family to a graduation ceremony.

PARTNERSHIP

The Commercial Drivers License Training Partnership consists of these local supporters who believe in and guide the program:

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OUR TRAINER

Lillian Lightbourn has worked in the transportation industry for the past 15 years. She initiated and was the trainer for a successful CDL training program in Rochester, NY before coming to the Ithaca area. It was while she worked as a TCAT bus operator that she met community members who were interested in bringing CDL training to Ithaca. The partnership was formed and a Community Development Block Grant to launch and support the program was obtained through the City of Ithaca. Lillian is a certified CDL trainer whose teaching style is to help every one of her students succeed. She asks for, and receives, excellence.