Truck Driver Training Video Transcription

**Action:** Scott Smigel standing in front of the Heartland Community College training truck

**Speaker:** Scott Smigel, Associate Director, Traffic Safety School

"This class is a seven credit hour class at Heartland Community College, and they're very small classes, so you get a lot of individual care from our instructor."

**Action:** Three students and instructor standing next to the truck as the instructor speaks

**Speaker:** Scott Smigel

“Lots of hands on-experience with the truck.”

**Action:** Instructor with checklists and student look at underside of truck; student climbs into the truck’s cab.

**Speaker:** Scott Smigel

“The last 120 hours are spent behind the wheel.”

**Action:** Student standing next to truck

**Speaker:** Adam, Truck Driving Student

"I first heard about this program through my roommate. I thought I'd get my Class A license and it would open up a good amount of career opportunities for me.

**Action:** Instructor and student looking under the hood of the truck.

**Speaker:** Adam

"What I like most about this class is actually getting to drive the truck. It's a lot different being that high up over everybody in traffic."

**Action:** Adam behind wheel of truck with classmate in the cab

**Speaker:** Scott Smigel, standing next to truck

“Once our students get their Class A license, they're eligible to go to work for any of the over-the-road trucking companies. Also, the State of Illinois requires many of their workers to carry a CDL license as well. So they're very employable at the end of the program.

**Action:** Students and instructor look under hood of truck.

**Speaker:** Gatton Knowles, Truck Driving Instructor

"Students in this class will go through a PTI, or pre-trip inspection."
**Action:** Student and Instructor check truck cables between the cab and the carrier section. Truck pulls out of parking area.

**Speaker:** Gatton Knowles

“They also learn their skills course. And they also do the road course, and it’s all required by the Illinois Secretary of State.

**Action:** Student standing next to truck

**Speaker:** Dean, Truck Driving Student

"Driving through town in a truck this size can be a little challenging, but it's been very rewarding learning to do that and being able to change the gears.

**Action:** Truck re-coupling after pre-trip inspection

**Speaker:** Dean

“When you go from start to finish, you’re going through ten gears. You’re clutching twice for each time you change gears. That can be a lot of work, but it's been very rewarding, you know, being able to overcome that challenge.

**Action:** Student behind the wheel using clutch pedal to change gears.

**Speaker:** Gatton Knowles

“Students get their Class A license to forward their careers.

**Action:** Gatton Knowles driving the Heartland truck

**Speaker:** Gatton Knowles

“Or they do it to see the country. It’s an easy way to see the country. Or they just want to drive a big truck.

**Action:** Dean standing near truck as Adam opens door of cab; students working with cables connecting the cab to the freight section of the truck.

**Speaker:** Adam

“For the students that are interested in the truck driving training, I would recommend it because there’s a great amount of opportunities and lots of open jobs out there. They bring in recruiters. Good pay and it’s just a good career that you can start on easily.
Action:

Truck moves forward with Heartland Community College Truck Driving Training information painted on the side. Photo montage; Heartland Community College logo.