**Course Description:**

Students perform inspections, troubleshoot malfunctions, and service truck brake systems. Students identify poor performing air brake systems and replace malfunctioning components. Identifying workplace risk factors associated with repetitive motion and lifting, operating, and moving of heavy objects are emphasized.

**Strand 1. Business Operations/21st Century Skills**

Learners apply principles of economics, business management, marketing and employability in an entrepreneur, manager and employee role to the leadership, planning, developing and analyzing of business enterprises related to the career field.

**Outcome 1.1. Employability Skills**

Develop career awareness and employability skills (e.g., face‐to‐face, online) needed for gaining and maintaining employment in diverse business settings.

**Competencies**

1.1.1. Identify the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to succeed in careers.

1.1.2. Identify the scope of career opportunities and the requirements for education, training,

certification, licensure and experience.

1.1.3. Develop a career plan that reflects career interests, pathways and secondary and

postsecondary options.

1.1.4. Describe the role and function of professional organizations, industry associations and

organized labor and use networking techniques to develop and maintain professional

relationships.

1.1.5. Develop strategies for self‐promotion in the hiring process (e.g., filling out job applications,

résumé writing, interviewing skills, portfolio development).

1.1.6. Explain the importance of work ethic, accountability and responsibility and demonstrate

associated behaviors in fulfilling personal, community and workplace roles.

1.1.7. Apply problem‐solving and critical‐thinking skills to work‐related issues when making decisions

and formulating solutions.

1.1.8. Identify the correlation between emotions, behavior and appearance and manage those to

establish and maintain professionalism.

1.1.9. Give and receive constructive feedback to improve work habits.

1.1.10. Adapt personal coping skills to adjust to taxing workplace demands.

1.1.11. Recognize different cultural beliefs and practices in the workplace and demonstrate respect

for them.

1.1.12. Identify healthy lifestyles that reduce the risk of chronic disease, unsafe habits and abusive

behavior.

**Outcome 1.2. Leadership and Communications**

Process, maintain, evaluate and disseminate information in a business. Develop leadership and team building to promote collaboration.

**Competencies**

1.2.1. Extract relevant, valid information from materials and cite sources of information.

1.2.2. Deliver formal and informal presentations.

1.2.3. Identify and use verbal, nonverbal and active listening skills to communicate effectively.

1.2.4. Use negotiation and conflict‐resolution skills to reach solutions.

1.2.5. Communicate information (e.g., directions, ideas, vision, workplace expectations) for an

intended audience and purpose.

1.2.6. Use proper grammar and expression in all aspects of communication.

1.2.7. Use problem‐solving and consensus‐building techniques to draw conclusions and determine

next steps.

1.2.8. Identify the strengths, weaknesses and characteristics of leadership styles that influence

internal and external workplace relationships.

1.2.9. Identify advantages and disadvantages involving digital and/or electronic communications

(e.g., common content for large audience, control of tone, speed, cost, lack of non‐verbal

cues, potential for forwarding information, longevity).

1.2.10. Use interpersonal skills to provide group leadership, promote collaboration and work in a

team.

1.2.11. Write professional correspondence, documents, job applications and resumés.

1.2.12. Use technical writing skills to complete forms and create reports.

1.2.13. Identify stakeholders and solicit their opinions.

1.2.14. Use motivational strategies to accomplish goals.

**Outcome 1.3. Business Ethics and Law**

Analyze how professional, ethical and legal behavior contributes to continuous improvement in organizational performance and regulatory compliance.

**Competencies**

1.3.1. Analyze how regulatory compliance affects business operations and organizational

performance.

1.3.2. Follow protocols and practices necessary to maintain a clean, safe and healthy work

environment.

1.3.3. Use ethical character traits consistent with workplace standards (e.g., honesty, personal

integrity, compassion, justice).

1.3.4. Identify how federal and state consumer protection laws affect products and services.

1.3.5. Access and implement safety compliance measures (e.g., quality assurance information, safety

data sheets [SDSs], product safety data sheets [PSDSs], United States Environmental

Protection Agency [EPA], United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[OSHA]) that contribute to the continuous improvement of the organization.

1.3.6. Identify deceptive practices (e.g., bait and switch, identity theft, unlawful door‐to‐door sales,

deceptive service estimates, fraudulent misrepresentations) and their overall impact on

organizational performance.

1.3.7. Identify the labor laws that affect employment and the consequences of noncompliance for both employee and employer (e.g., harassment, labor, employment, employment interview, testing, minor labor laws, Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA], Fair Labor Standards Acts [FLSA], Equal Employment Opportunity Commission [EEOC]).

1.3.9. Identify potential conflicts of interest (e.g., personal gain, project bidding) between personal,

organizational and professional ethical standards.

**Outcome 1.4. Knowledge Management and Information Technology**

Demonstrate current and emerging strategies and technologies used to collect, analyze, record and share information in business operations.

**Competencies**

1.4.1. Use office equipment to communicate (e.g., phone, radio equipment, fax machine, scanner,

public address systems).

1.4.2. Select and use software applications to locate, record, analyze and present information (e.g.,

word processing, e‐mail, spreadsheet, databases, presentation, Internet search engines).

1.4.3. Verify compliance with security rules, regulations and codes (e.g., property, privacy, access,

accuracy issues, client and patient record confidentiality) pertaining to technology specific to

the industry pathway.

1.4.4. Use system hardware to support software applications.

1.4.5. Use information technology tools to maintain, secure and monitor business records.

1.4.6. Use an electronic database to access and create business and technical information.

1.4.7. Use personal information management and productivity applications to optimize assigned

tasks (e.g., lists, calendars, address books).

1.4.8. Use electronic media to communicate and follow network etiquette guidelines.

**Outcome 1.5. Global Environment**

Evaluate how beliefs, values, attitudes and behaviors influence organizational strategies and goals.

**Competencies**

1.5.3. Use cultural intelligence to interact with individuals from diverse cultural settings.

1.5.4. Recognize barriers in cross‐cultural relationships and implement behavioral adjustments.

1.5.5. Recognize the ways in which bias and discrimination may influence productivity and

profitability.

1.5.7. Use intercultural communication skills to exchange ideas and create meaning.

**Outcome 1.6. Business Literacy**

Develop foundational skills and knowledge in entrepreneurship, financial literacy and business operations.

**Competencies**

1.6.1. Identify business opportunities.

1.6.2. Assess the reality of becoming an entrepreneur, including advantages and disadvantages (e.g., risk versus reward, reasons for success and failure).

1.6.5. Describe organizational structure, chain of command, the roles and responsibilities of the organizational departments and interdepartmental interactions.

1.6.8. Identify the features and benefits that make an organization’s product or service competitive.

1.6.9. Explain how the performance of an employee, a department and an organization is assessed.

1.6.12. Describe classifications of employee benefits, rights, deductions and compensations.

**Outcome 1.7. Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurs:**

Analyze the environment in which a business operates and the economic factors and opportunities associated with self‐employment.

**Competencies**

1.7.10. Describe techniques for obtaining experience (e.g., apprenticeship, co‐operative [co‐op] education, work placement, internship, job shadowing) related to an entrepreneurial objective.

**Outcome 1.8. Operations Management**

Plan, organize and monitor an organization or department to maximize contribution to organizational goals and objectives.

**Competencies**

1.8.4. Identify alternative actions to take when goals are not met (e.g., changing goals, changing strategies, efficiencies).

1.8.5. Use inventory and control systems to purchase materials, supplies and equipment (e.g., Last In, First Out [LIFO]; First In, First Out [FIFO]; Just in Time [JIT]; LEAN).

1.8.6 Identify the advantages and disadvantages of carrying cost and Just-in-Time (JIT) production systems and the effects of maintaining inventory (e.g., perishable, shrinkage, insurance) on profitability.

1.8.8. Identify routine activities for maintaining business facilities and equipment.

1.8.10. Analyze how business management and environmental management systems (e.g., health, safety) contribute to continuous improvement and sustainability.

**Outcome 1.10. Sales and Marketing**

Manage pricing, place, promotion, packaging, positioning and public relations to improve quality customer service.

**Competencies**

1.10.2. Determine the customer’s needs and identify solutions.

1.10.3. Communicate features, benefits and warranties of a product or service to the customer.

1.10.4. Identify the company policies and procedures for initiating product and service improvements.

1.10.10. Demonstrate sales techniques.

**Strand 2. Safety, Tools and Maintenance**

Learners apply principles of safety and use of tools to maintain equipment and the environment to prevent accidents and mitigate hazards.

**Outcome 2.1. Facility Safety**

Handle materials, prevent accidents and mitigate hazards.

**Competencies**

2.1.1. Use Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)-defined procedures for identifying employer and employee responsibilities, situations that require working in confined spaces and safety labeling.

2.1.2. Identify and communicate hazards associated with slippery surfaces and lighting.

2.1.6. Identify and eliminate workplace clutter and maintain clearance and boundaries.

2.1.8. Identify procedures for handling, storage and disposal of hazardous materials.

2.1.9. Identify locations and describe use of emergency flush showers, eyewash fountains, Safety Data Sheets (SDSs), fire alarms and exits.

2.1.11. Select and operate fire extinguishers based on the class of fire.

2.1.12. Conduct safety inspection of a workspace.

2.1.13. Identify the types of ergonomic workflow and the need for them.

2.1.14. Inspect air and exhaust systems, intake filters, fans and other mechanical components.

**Outcome 2.2. Personal Safety**

Practice personal safety.

**Competencies**

2.2.1. Interpret personal safety rights according to the employee Right-to-Know plan.

2.2.2. Describe the risk factors associated with working under the influence of drugs, alcohol and stimulants and how it increases the risk of accident, lowers productivity, raises insurance costs and reduces profits.

2.2.3. Select, use, maintain and dispose of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) appropriate to job tasks, conditions and materials.

2.2.4. Identify workplace risk factors associated with repetitive motion and lifting, operating and moving heavy objects.

2.2.5. Demonstrate appropriate body mechanics in lifting and moving heavy objects.

**Outcome 2.3. Tool and Equipment Preventative Maintenance**

Identify, use, clean, maintain and perform planned preventative maintenance on tools and equipment.

**Competencies**

2.3.1. Identify the types of hand tools, power tools and stationary equipment and describe their function.

2.3.2. Identify potential hazards and limitations related to the use of hand tools, power tools and stationary equipment.

2.3.3. Operate power tools and stationary equipment in accordance with established procedures and safety standards.

2.3.4. Ensure the presence and functionality of safety systems and hardware.

2.3.5. Clean, lubricate and adjust power tools and stationary equipment.

**Outcome 2.4. General Maintenance**

Provides general maintenance to mechanical systems.

**Competencies**

2.4.1. Inspect for leakage at seals, gaskets and bushings

2.4.2. Inspect fluid levels and fluid conditions on all mechanical systems.

2.4.3. Select engine, powertrain, power steering and brake system fluids based on characteristics and applications.

2.4.11. Flush, fill and bleed the brake system.

2.4.12. Store mechanical systems fluids and waste products.

2.4.22. Inspect, repair or replace fasteners.

**Strand 4. Systems Performance**

Learners apply principles of brake systems, electrical and electronic systems and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to diagnose and repair malfunctions.

**Outcome 4.2. Drum and Disc**

Identify, inspect and replace mechanical components of drum and disc brake systems.

**Competencies**

4.2.1. Identify brake components, poor stopping, noise, vibration, premature wear, pulling, grabbing, dragging, or pedal pulsation concerns.

4.2.2. Inspect caliper assembly, inspect and measure disc brake pads.

4.2.3. Remove the caliper assembly, clean inspect for leaks, pad condition and damage, and replace.

4.2.4. Remove, clean, inspect and measure drums and rotors.

4.2.5. Refinish drums and rotors.

4.2.6. Remove, inspect and replace wheel cylinders.

4.2.7. Clean, inspect and lubricate brake shoes, retaining hardware and adjustment hardware.

4.2.8. Remove and replace brake shoes, retaining hardware and adjustment hardware.

4.2.9. Pre-adjust brake shoes, seat the pads and adjust the parking brake system.

4.2.10. Lubricate drum and disc brake assembly components, reinstall and inspect for leaks.

4.2.11. Check the condition and operation of the parking brake, indicator light and brake stop light systems.

4.2.12. Clean, lubricate, or replace the parking brake as needed.

4.2.13. Inspect and adjust an integral parking brake system.

**Outcome 4.3. Air Brake Systems**

Identify, inspect and replace air brake systems.

**Competencies**

4.3.1. Identify poor stopping, air leaks, premature wear, pulling, grabbing, or dragging problems caused by supply and service system malfunctions.

4.3.2. Inspect and test a tractor protection valve.

4.3.3. Inspect and test emergency (spring) brake control and modulator valves, low pressure warning devices, wiring and connectors.

4.3.4. Inspect and test air pressure gauges, lines and fittings and replace as needed.

4.3.5 Check the air system buildup time.

4.3.6. Drain air reservoir tanks and check for oil, water and foreign material.

4.3.7. Inspect, adjust and align compressor drive belts, pulleys and tensioners.

4.3.8. Inspect, repair or replace the compressor, air cleaner and air supply, oil supply and coolant lines, fittings and mounting brackets.

4.3.9. Inspect and test system pressure controls (i.e., governor, unloader assembly valves, intake screens, filters, lines, hoses, fittings).

4.3.10. Inspect air system lines, hoses, fittings and couplings.

4.3.11. Inspect and test air tank relief (safety) valves, one-way check valves, two-way check valves and manual and automatic drain valves.

4.3.12. Inspect and clean air dryer systems, filters, valves, heaters, wiring and connectors.

4.3.13. Repair mechanical and foundation brakes.