TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, & LOGISTICS

Transportation, Distribution and Logistics (TDL) is a growing industry that connects manufacturers and other companies to consumers.

With the drastic increase in eCommerce, a strong TDL workforce is needed to transport goods from one location to another safely and on time.

No matter your experience, background, personality, or interests, you will find great opportunities in this industry that offer a good paycheck, huge potential for secure and long-term career growth, and the ability to transfer those skills anywhere in the world!

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

For those working in the TDL industry, connecting communities and businesses is at the core of their jobs. To do this, they utilize a wide variety of highly technical and basic interpersonal skills. Responsibilities and expectations of roles within the skilled trades field include:

- Communication Skills
- Customer Service
- Detailed-Oriented
- Digital Skills
- Microsoft Office
- Organizational Skills
- Physical Abilities
- Problem Solving
- Repair Skills
- Sales
- Scheduling
- Teamwork / Collaboration

COMMON CAREER PATHWAY

- No Educational Requirements
  - Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers
    - $28,000
- High School Diploma + Valid Driver’s License
  - Light Truck Drivers
    - $36,000
- Certification (2 weeks - 1 year)
  - Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Drivers
    - $47,500
  - Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics
    - $44,800
  - Bus & Truck Mechanics Diesel Engine Specialists
    - $49,000
WHERE CAN I WORK?

LOGISTICS SERVICES

Logistics services includes inbound and outbound transportation management, fleet management, warehousing, materials handling, order fulfillment, logistics network design, inventory management, supply and demand planning, third-party logistics management, and other logistics support services. These services are involved at all levels in the planning, resourcing, and execution of the movement of goods.

AIR & EXPRESS DELIVERY SERVICES

Air and Express Delivery firms provide the export infrastructure for many exporters, particularly small and medium-sized businesses that cannot afford to operate their own supply chain. Recent growth for these firms has been generated by the expansion of electronic commerce. A growing field in this area is drone technology and delivery.

FREIGHT RAIL

High volumes of heavy cargo and products are transported long distances throughout the United States via rail network. Each day, this 140,000-mile system delivers an average of 5 million tons of goods and serves nearly every industrial, wholesale, retail, and resource-based sector of the economy.

TRUCKING

Over-the-road transportation of cargo is provided by motor vehicles over short and medium distances. Over-the-road truck drivers, also called long haul truckers, can be on the road a couple of days to weeks at a time. According to the American Trucking Associations, trucking revenues were $700 billion in 2017. That year, trucks moved almost 11 billion tons of freight.

MARITIME

This subsector includes carriers, seaports, terminals, and labor involved in the movement of cargo and passengers by water. Georgia is home to the Port of Savannah - one of the largest and fastest growing ports in the US.

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