



Exploring Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics Careers in Will County

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Industry Overview

Transportation, Distribution and Logistics (TDL) is a growing industry that plays a key role in our region. Will County relies on businesses in this industry to connect manufacturers and other companies to consumers. A strong TDL workforce is needed to transport goods from one location to another safely and on time.

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.

- **Have you ever wondered how the transportation industry works?**
- **Do you like computers and technology?**
- **Do you have good communication skills?**
- **Do you like working on or with a team?**
- **Do you have good interpersonal skills?**



In-Demand TDL Jobs

The Workforce Services Division of Will County has identified 10 high-demand jobs with available training programs in the TDL field which are listed on the back with related wage and training information. Certain occupations may require testing or licensure. Most require drug testing and criminal background checks.

Outlook & Growth

TDL jobs are projected to grow 14% through 2020, adding approximately 1,400 new jobs every year. In fact, TDL occupations will add more jobs than most other industries.



Training

Jobs in Will County's TDL industry require education and training after high school, yet they don't always require a four year degree. Depending on your career interests and professional goals, you can choose a training program from several weeks to more than four years. Here are some examples below:

1 Year or Less

Certificate Program

- Bus Driver
- Mobile & Heavy Equipment Mechanic
- Truck or Delivery Service Drivers

2 Years

Associate Degree

- Supervisor of Laborers & Material Movers
- Supervisor of Transportation & Vehicle Operators

Jobs4people.org provides information about careers in transportation, distribution and logistics. It also includes local Will County job postings, available training programs and advice on how to find financial aid. It is a resource which will introduce you to TDL jobs in Will County and help you figure out which ones could be the right fit for you.

Career Opportunities

There are many job opportunities within the field of TDL. Whether you are interested in being a truck and engine specialist, delivery service driver or supervising a team of people, you can choose from a variety of professions in this industry.

Of course, you don't have to stick to one career pathway. You may start in one career, and advance with experience and education into something different.



Here are some TDL career pathway examples:

Bus Driver

- Supervisor of Laborers and Material Movers

Tractor-Trailer Driver

- Supervisor of Transportation

Vehicle Operator Supervisor

- Transportation and Distribution Manager

These career pathway examples are just a way to get you started – the next step is up to you!

Required Skills & Abilities

Although completing the required technical training is critical to landing a job in these professions, there are additional skills employers also look for. To move ahead in, and even begin your career, you will need to demonstrate good interpersonal and communication skills.













Here are some examples of interpersonal and communication skills in the TDL industry.

How many of these skills do you see in yourself?

- **Communication - writing, presenting, computer literacy**
- **Adaptability – flexibility, resourcefulness, compromise**
- **Organization – time management, attention to detail**
- **Critical thinking - problem solving, creativity, judgement**



Will County In-Demand Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Jobs

Job Title	Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro	Annual Job Openings Will County	Average Starting Hourly Wage	Average Hourly Wage with Experience	
Certificate					
	Aircraft Mechanics	98	<10	\$15.43	\$29.67
	Bus Drivers	144	<10	\$11.79	\$24.42
	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,164	185	\$14.46	\$22.39
	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	62	<10	\$16.33	\$29.80
	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants*	1,135	121	\$9.61	\$16.60
	Transportation and Distribution Managers	129	19	\$20.66	\$40.07
	Truck or Delivery Service Drivers	578	78	\$8.54	\$16.64
	Truck, Engine, Mechanics and Specialists*	192	27	\$14.37	\$23.01
Associate Degree					
	Supervisors of Laborers and Material Movers	204	34	\$13.28	\$23.51
	Supervisors of Transportation and Vehicle Operators	162	23	\$16.15	\$27.92

*Earning an associate degree will also satisfy educational requirements for this job.

