

To whom it may concern,

Hi. You want to have a career as a railroader. So did I. I thought I could do it on my own, pass the written test, pass the physical agility, and pass the interview. No problem! Wrong! I thought I knew what it took to get hired. However, it does not work that way, with Class I railroads or any railroad for that matter. I tested twice for Union Pacific and once for BNSF. Remember when you test for a railroad and you are not hired, you have to wait 6 months to try again. Therefore, for me three tests equaled 1½ years of trying. It got very discouraging. I thought I was **doing** great, I passed the test. I knew for sure I said the right things in my interviews. I told them I loved trains, been around them all my life, I rode on them as a kid, I just loved trains. I had given up. I was not going to get let down again.

One day I purchased a Trains Magazine and while flipping through it, I found an advertisement for MODOC RAILROAD ACADEMY in Sacramento, CA. 100% job offer it said for Conductors and Engineers. I had just found my answer, I could not do it on my own, I needed training, and I needed skilled professionals to train me. That is what MODOC RAILROAD ACADEMY did; they taught me the knowledge and skills needed to further a career in railroad. There is more to railroads than I could ever imagine, but I learned what it's all about at Modoc.

Dave and the instructors at the Academy are the “best” at what they do. In addition, let me tell you ‘They Care’! There is a lot of hard work and studying in the class, but the staff makes sure you understand 100 % of everything taught to you about railroading.

Oh and by the way, I am a Conductor for CSX Transportation, working in Richmond, VA. All my classmates of the class of February 2004 have careers with Union Pacific, BNSF and Pacific Harbor Lines. So all I can stress is, if you want a career and to be a part *of a* class that makes it in railroading, start your career at MODOC RAILROAD ACADEMY.

Give the school a call today and get the steel wheels rolling.

Sincerely,

Terry A Teal
Your Brother in Railroading
Class of Feb 2004