

COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE, Certificate – (Noncredit)

Transportation - Office of Academic Affairs & Workforce Development
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The Commercial Driver's License (CDL) courses are designed to develop individuals for employment in the trucking industry as a Class A or Class B Commercial Truck Driver. The courses provide both in-class and hands-on experience, and comply with current Federal and State (Pennsylvania) regulations and guidelines. CDL training can range from online, self-paced Permit Prep courses or a personalized refresher class for someone who previously held (or currently holds) a CDL to a full CDL Class A or B course for new Entry-Level drivers. Students can complete 75% of this training at the Harrisburg Campus through on-campus/in-person instruction. The remaining coursework must be completed through various modalities (e.g., hybrid, synchronous remote instruction and asynchronous instruction). Please note that the prerequisite theory course is offered through asynchronous instruction. For more information, please call 717-221-1357 or email CDL@hacc.edu.

Career Opportunities

Students are trained for careers in the transportation industry.

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare the student to:

- Follow written and verbal directions
- Properly understand signage used on public roads
- Safely operate a commercial vehicle in controlled environments and public roads
- Properly hookup, move, and unhook trailers
- Perform the mechanical skills needed to properly perform daily tasks

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE

CDL Theory (40 Lecture-hours) – Required for all Behind-the Wheel courses

- Industry Information
- Safe Operating Procedures
- Vehicle Systems
- Reporting Malfunctions
- Non-Driving Activities

Behind the Wheel Class-A (up to 160 Lab hours)

- Basic Truck Components and Functions
- Basic Skills (includes shifting, braking, maneuvering, backing, coupling and uncoupling)
- Documentation
- Regulations
- Load Documenting and Handling
- Hazards and proper Handling
- Practice on the Driving Pad, as well as, on the roads

Behind the Wheel Class-B (40 Lab hours)

- Basic Truck Components and Functions
- Basic Skills (includes shifting, braking, maneuvering and backing)
- Documentation
- Regulations
- Load Documenting and Handling
- Hazards and proper Handling
- Practice on the Driving Pad, as well as on the roads

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

You must be 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license (Class-C) with no major or serious traffic offenses, pass a DOT physical, drug screen, and pass all CDL Learner's Permit exams (only offered at PENNDOT) prior to operating HACC's vehicles