

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 may complete this training at the Harrisburg Campus through various modalities (e.g., on-campus/in-person instruction, hybrid, synchronous remote instruction and/or 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