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Frequently Asked Questions

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Program Location

Is Chattahoochee Technical College's Commercial Truck Driving Program offered at each campus?

Presently, the CDL program is only offered at the North Metro campus located at 5198 Ross Road, Acworth, GA 30102.

Class Hours

What are the class hours?

CDL courses are offered Monday through Friday. The program consists of three courses CTDL 1010, CTDL 1021, and CTDL 1031. Each semester, times vary. The first course, Fundamentals of Commercial Driving (CTDL 1010) generally meets Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm. The second course, Combine Vehicle Basic Operation & Range Work (CTDL 1021) generally meets Monday through Friday, 7 am to noon or 1 pm to 6 pm. The last course, Combination Vehicle Advanced Operations (CTDL 1031) follows the same format as CTDL 1021.

Length of Course

How long is your course?

We typically offer courses January, March, June, August, and October. Chattahoochee Technical College's Commercial Truck Driving Program is a 37-day program, 8-week program.

Refresher Course

Does Chattahoochee Technical College offer a refresher course?

At this time, we do not offer a refresher course.

Number of Students

How many students are admitted in each class?

A: Each semester we admit between 16 and 32 students.

Third-party Testing

Is Chattahoochee Technical College a third-party testing site?

At this time, we do not offer third-party testing. Please contact your local Department of Driver Services for a list of recommended testing facilities.

Transmission

What type of trucks are used to train students?

Chattahoochee Technical College students train on manual transmission trucks. Equipment consists of 10 tractors including 8 manual transmission and 2 automatic trucks. Our trucks were manufactured between 1999 until 2022. All tractors are Freightliner sleepers. All training trailers are 53 foot dry van's. We do have a 48 foot flatbed trailer as well. In addition to the "hands-on" equipment, we have a driving simulator.

Age

What is the minimum age required to participate in the CDL course?

The Commercial Truck Driving program prefers applicants to be at least 21 years of age or older. Students 18 to 20 years of age may operate a commercial truck only in the State of Georgia, and therefore, may have limited employment opportunities.



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Job Placement

Does Chattahoochee Technical College provide job placement?

Although we do not offer job placement, recruiters frequently reach out in search of program graduates.

International Students

Are international students permitted to complete the CDL program?

International students who hold a current, unrestricted Georgia Driver's License are eligible to apply for admission.

Experience

I don't know how to drive a manual truck or vehicle; can I still participate in the program?

Absolutely! Prior experience is not a prerequisite for admission.

Program Cost

What is the cost the Commercial Truck Driving Program?

In-state tuition and fee rate	\$1804.00*
Out-of-state tuition and fee rate	\$2,992.00*
International tuition and fee rate	\$5,368.00*

Additional Fees

Commercial Learner's Permit	\$10.00*
CDL Application Fee	\$35.00*
CDL Official Class A License	\$32.00*
CDL Road Skills Test	\$100.00*
CDL Endorsements	\$5.00*
Required Textbooks	\$50.00*

Department of Transportation Physical Examination	\$80.00*
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Lake City Chiropractic is the only facility that can complete your physical.

DOT Drug Test	\$38.00*
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Certified 7-year Motor Vehicle Report (MVR)	\$8.00*
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The cost will vary depending upon the facility. Students are responsible for all costs associated with obtaining a 7- year motor vehicle report.

**Tuition and Fees are subject to change.*

Admission Requirements

Application

Can I apply for admission online?

At this time, the online application is not available for applicants interested in the Commercial Truck Driving program. CDL Admissions Counselors post the application process, application for admissions, deadlines, and prices on the [CTDL program page](#). Prospective applicants can request information by completing an [Information Request Form](#).

I applied during a previous semester, can I use the same admissions documents?

Unfortunately, no. Documents are date sensitive, and applicants must acquire new documents each application period.

Education

Is a high school diploma, high school equivalency, or completion of a GED required to participate in the CDL program at Chattahoochee Technical College?

No, proof of graduation from high school, HSE, or a GED is not required for admission into Chatt Tech's Commercial Truck Driving Program.



Prior College Coursework

Am I required to submit official college or university transcripts?

Verification of high school graduation or attainment of a GED or HSE diploma is not required for admission into the CDL program. Applicants should submit a [College Transcript Waiver form](#) to waive the submission of all post-secondary transcripts.

Wait List

I was not admitted in the program, do you waitlist applicants?

Admission is on a first-come, first-serve basis. At this time, we do not place applicants on a waitlist if they are not admitted.

What is the current processing time for applications and admissions documents?

Please allow a minimum of three to five business days to process documents. Applicants can use our online [application status check tool](#) to track their application status.

DOT Physical

I have an existing DOT card; can I submit it as part of my application packet?

Unfortunately, no. Chattahoochee Technical College has contracted Lake City Chiropractic, located in Acworth, GA, to perform DOT Physicals and FMSCA Drug Tests.

Drug Testing

Will I be required to complete a pre-employment drug test?

Yes, pre-employment drug testing is performed at the expense of students after CTDL 1010. Random testing is also performed, without individualized suspicion of a

violation of the school's substance abuse policy, throughout the program. A refusal is considered a positive result.

Motor Vehicle Report

I have prior moving violations; will this affect my admission?

Possibly. All Certified Motor Vehicle Reports are reviewed and subject to approval by the Associate Dean. Certified Motor Vehicle Reports for points are analyzed for type and the number of moving violations and timeframe of violations.

What types of moving violations will prevent admission into the CTDL program at Chattahoochee Technical College?

DUI, Reckless Driving, drug-related violations, or other serious violations (i.e.; repetitive offenses, multiple speeding tickets, super speeder tickets, open container violations, hit and run, driving without insurance/license, texting and/or failure to control devices) will prohibit admission.

Georgia Driver's License

Is a Class C Georgia Driver's License required to apply for admission into the CDL program at Chattahoochee Technical College?

A Class C non-commercial driver's license is required; temporary licenses will not be accepted.

Is a Class A Learner's Permit required for admission into the CDL program?

Yes, applicants must submit a copy of their Class A Learner's Permit.



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Textbooks

Are books required?

Students are required to purchase textbooks on the first day of class. Students should expect to spend \$60.00 on textbooks. The [Chatt Tech Bookstore](#) is your one-stop shop for textbooks, supplies, and apparel.

Paying for the Program

Am I required to submit a separate application for financial aid?

The admissions and financial aid processes are separate. To apply for financial aid, you should complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) and list our school code: 005620. To apply for financial aid, a student must complete the FAFSA each year. Once your financial aid application is processed, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR).

I need help with my Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Who should I contact?

The Office of Financial Aid can be reached by phone at 770-528-4531 or by email at FinancialAid@ChattahoocheeTech.edu.

Financial Aid Counselors are available to assist you and are assigned based on the first letter of your last name. Visit the [Financial Aid Counselors page](#) to locate your counselor's contact information.

I do not qualify for financial aid, are there other available resources?

WIOA stands for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and was established in 1998 to prepare adults and dislocated workers for entry and re-entry into the workforce. WIOA training funds are designed to serve laid-off individuals and eligible, low-income adults who need training to enter or re-enter the labor market. Your region is determined by the county you reside in or the county of the employer who laid you off. Visit the [WIOA page](#) for more information.