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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) is taught in a hybrid format. 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. Details for each cohort are posted several weeks before the start date.

### 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 eight (8) manual transmission and two (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 also 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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\*\* Subject to change\*\*

Students are responsible for all costs associated with obtaining a certified seven (7) year motor vehicle report, DOT Physical, and Drug Test. Tuition, fees, and all other costs 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 costs on the [CTDL program page](#). Prospective applicants can request information by submitting an [Information Request Form](#).

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

Unfortunately, no. Applicants must acquire new documents each application period. An informational brochure will be posted on the Commercial Truck Driving Program Page with deadlines.

#### 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.



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**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 wait list if they are not admitted.

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

Applicants should allow a minimum of three to five business days to process documents. Applicants should use our [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 with a facility 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 are analyzed for points, type of violation, number of moving/non-moving violations, and time frame of violations.

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

Both moving and non-moving violations, regardless of time frame can prohibit admission including but not limited to 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). Commercial Truck Driving Disqualifications must include a reinstatement date.

### 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 current 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 complete the online [Georgia Student Finance Application \(GSFAPP\)](#).

#### 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](mailto: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.

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