



## **General Information:**

### **Q: 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.

### **Q: 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, between the hours of 7 am to 4 pm and some semesters we offer a night course that will meet Monday through Friday, 4:30 pm to 10 pm. The last course, Combination Vehicle Advanced Operations (CTDL 1031) follows the same format as CTDL 1021. We do not offer weekend courses.

### **Q: How long is your course?**

We typically offer courses January, February, March, June, August, September and October. Chattahoochee Technical College's Commercial Truck Driving Program is a 27-day, 6-week program for day courses and an 8-week program for evening courses. Details for each cohort are posted on the [CDL Admissions page](#).

### **Q: How many students are admitted in each class?**

Each semester we admit between 16 and 32 students.

### **Q: Is Chattahoochee Technical College a third-party testing site?**

Chattahoochee Technical College offers third-party testing to the general public that have met all requirements for the ELDT (Entry Level Driver Training) regulations set by the State of Georgia. Chattahoochee Technical College does not rent or loan equipment, for testing you must provide your own tractor and trailer. If you have met these requirements, please consult with Katina Barbee at [Katina.Barbee@ChattahoocheeTech.edu](mailto:Katina.Barbee@ChattahoocheeTech.edu) or [770-529-2357](tel:770-529-2357), or Sheldon George at [Sheldon.George@ChattahoocheeTech.edu](mailto:Sheldon.George@ChattahoocheeTech.edu) or [770-529-2312](tel:770-529-2312) to determine eligibility.

### **Q: 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.

### **Q: 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.

**Q: Does Chattahoochee Technical College provide job placement?**

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

**Q: 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.

**Q: 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.

**Q: Does Chattahoochee Technical College offer a refresher course?**

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

**Requirements:**

**Q: 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.

**Q: 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. College transcripts are not required for admission into the CDL program.

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

Yes, you can use an existing DOT card, with 2 stipulations: 1-as long as it is valid through the last day of the course you are applying for and the DOT physical was earned with a facility that performs DOT physicals and 2- it must be earned after you have obtained the Class A Learner's Permit so that it can be attached to the DOT Physical.

**Q: Drug Testing: Will I be required to complete a pre-employment drug test?**

Yes, pre-employment drug testing is performed within 30 days to the first day of class. Chattahoochee Technical College has contracted with a facility to perform FMSCA Drug Tests and must be completed within certain dates for each part of term prior to being accepted. 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.

**Q: Motor Vehicle Report requirement: 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.

**Q: 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 obey control devices). Commercial Truck Driving Disqualifications must include a reinstatement date.

**Q: 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.

**Q: 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.

**Q: Are textbooks 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.

## Application Process

**Q: Where can I find the class dates and admission steps?**

Please visit our [CDL Admissions page](#) to view the admissions steps and access the electronic application.

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

Unfortunately, not all of them. Applicants must acquire new MVR's and Drug tests each application period. An informational brochure will be posted on the Commercial Truck Driving Program Page with deadlines.

**Q: 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.

**Q: The cohort I am interested in is full, 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. We will assist all admitted students in signing up for the next available cohort.

**Q: How can I contact a CDL Admissions Counselor?**

The email address for CDL is [CDL@ChattahoocheeTech.edu](mailto:CDL@ChattahoocheeTech.edu).

The telephone number is [\(770\) 975-4051](tel:(770)975-4051).

## Cost and Financial Aid

**Q: What is the cost the Commercial Truck Driving Program?**

Applicants/Students are responsible for all costs associated with obtaining a Commercial Learner's Permit, CDL Application Fee, CDL Official Class A License, CDL Road Skills Test, CDL Endorsement, Required Textbooks, Department of Transportation Physical Examination, DOT Drug Test, and Certified Motor Vehicle Report. Costs are subject to change. For specific cost amounts, please visit our CDL [Tuition and Fees](#) page.

**Q: What financial aid options are available?**

Students can complete the GSFAPPS application to apply for financial aid including the HOPE GRANT and HOPE CAREER GRANT. Please allow up to seven business days to process your financial aid application.

The Office of Financial Aid will need to contact Sherlene Grierson, her email is

[sherlene.grierson@chattahoocheetech.edu](mailto:sherlene.grierson@chattahoocheetech.edu) or phone is 770-443-3610.

**Q: 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.

**Q: 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 must complete the online [Georgia Student Finance Application \(GSFAPP\)](#).