

Schuylkill Technology Center

CDL Class A (Tractor-Trailer) Driver Training Program

Length of Program – 9 Weeks (*approx.*)

Total Course Hours – 184

Schedule – 3 Weekday Evenings 4pm – 8pm & Saturday class 8am – 4pm (*times may vary*)

Location – Schuylkill Technology Center North Campus – 101 Technology Drive Frackville, PA 17931

Phase I ~ Classroom – 64 Hours (*approx.*)

Phase II ~ Skills Training – 120 Hours (*approx.*)

Admission Requirements

- Must complete an application and pay a \$30.00 non-refundable registration fee to reserve a seat
- Must have funding sources secure and submit any award letters (if applicable) 10 days prior to starting
- Must be at least 18 years of age (Intrastate) –or– 21 years of age (Interstate)
- Must have an acceptable driving record (MVR)
- Must have a clean State Police Background check
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Must pass a DOT Physical & Drug Screening prior to the start of class
(They **must** be taken at the Schuylkill Health OccMed Center)
- Must have dependable transportation to and from class
- Must have a positive attitude and a commitment to safe driving
- Federal Motor Carriers Fleet Safety Compliance Manual Part 391.11 (section) (a) (2) indicates that the driver shall be able to read and speak the ENGLISH language sufficiently to understand highway traffic signs and signals and directions given in ENGLISH and respond to official inquiries.

Tuition	\$4,800.00
Book Fee	\$100.00
DOT Physical & Drug Screening	\$160.00
ELDT Direct Access	\$170.00
Background Check	<u>\$25.00</u>

Tuition & Fees Total \$5,255.00

**tuition is subject to change at any board meeting of the year*

Addition Costs (*not included in tuition*)

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| • Application Fee (Non-refundable) | \$30.00 |
| • CDL Permit (Approx.) | \$120.00 |
| • Motor Vehicle Report (3 years) | <u>\$12.00</u> |
| | Total \$162.00 |

Graduation Requirements

Upon completion of **ALL** graduation requirements students will receive a certificate as prescribed by the Schuylkill IU 29 Board of Directors.

- Complete all classroom assignments
- Complete all range/road assessments
- Earn an overall grade point average of **80%** or higher
- Student must be in attendance **93%** of the time. If absentee time falls below 93%, additional hours will be made up at the end of the program. The student will be charged an additional **\$25.00** per hour. The amount of time missed due to arriving late or leaving early will be calculated and factored into the 93%.

Allowable 12 Hours (1.5 days) missed PER 184 hours.

- The student **MUST** have all tuition and fees paid to a **ZERO** balance prior to completion in order to have their name submitted to the DMV and to receive their STC certificate.

Job Opportunity & Placement

STC provides students with a number of job opportunities during the training period. Job placement rate for students who completed the program is 89%. Although there are jobs available to students upon graduation, job placement is contingent upon but not limited to, the following requirements:

- Must pass all required CDL knowledge and skills tests
- Must pass all company required physical and drug tests
- Must possess the character and attitude necessary to meet industry standards
- Any other legal or company requirements

It is up to the student to successfully gain employment. We provide the following computer training to all students; job searching, company researching and resume writing. We have numerous recruiters visit the class and make presentations about their companies. We offer assistance but we cannot guarantee employment.

For additional information, please contact STC at (570) 874-1412 or friem@stcenters.org

CDL – Classroom

- **Basic Operation**
 - Orientation
 - Control Systems/Dashboard
 - Pre-Trip Inspections
 - Post-Trip Inspections
 - Basic Control
 - Shifting/Operating Transmissions
 - Backing and Docking
 - Coupling and Uncoupling (Class A only)
- **Advanced Operating Practices**
 - Hazard Perception
 - Skid Control/Recovery, Jackknifing, and Other Emergencies
 - Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing
- **Non-Driving Activities**
 - Handling and Documenting Cargo
 - Environmental Compliance Issues
 - Hours-of-Service Requirements
 - Fatigue and Wellness Awareness
 - Post-Crash Procedures
 - External Communications
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- **Safe Operating Practices**
 - Visual Search
 - Communication
 - Distracted Driving
 - Speed & Space Management
 - Night Operation
 - Extreme Driving Conditions
- **Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions**
 - Identification and Diagnosis of Malfunctions
 - Roadside Inspections
 - Maintenance
- **Non-Driving Activities (continued)**
 - Whistleblower/Coercion
 - Trip Planning
 - Drugs/Alcohol
 - Medical Requirements
 - CDL Manual
 - CDL Prep

CDL – Hands-On

- **Skills**
 - Vehicle Inspections
 - Coupling and Uncoupling
 - Shifting
 - Driving
 - Backing
 - CDL Skills Test

**CDL Basic Control Skills (BCS) include:*

- Straight Line Backing*
- Offset Parking*
- 90° Alley Docking*

***CDL on Road Driving includes:*

- Basic Shifting Techniques*
- 4 Lane Highway Driving*
- 2 Lane Highway Driving*
- Uphill/Downhill Driving Techniques*

Student Ratio: 3 Students / 1 Truck