

Schuylkill Technology Center

CDL Class A (Tractor-Trailer) Driver Training Program

Length of Program – 10 Weeks

Total Course Hours – 400

Total Course Credits – 28

Daily Schedule – Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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

Phase I ~ Classroom – 4 Weeks (160 Hours)

Phase II ~ Skills Training – 6 Weeks (240 Hours)

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	\$7,400.00
Book Fee	\$100.00
DOT Physical & Drug Screening	\$160.00
ELDT Direct Access	\$170.00
Background Check	<u>\$25.00</u>

Tuition & Fees Total \$7,855.00

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

Additional Costs (not included in tuition)

- Application Fee (Non-refundable) \$30.00
- CDL Permit (Approx.) \$120.00
- Motor Vehicle Report (3 years) \$12.00
- Haz-Mat Application \$34.00

Additional Costs Total \$196.00

Graduation Requirements

Upon completion of **ALL** graduation requirements students will receive a certificate as prescribed by the Schuylkill IU 29 Board of Directors and a PTDI (Professional Truck Driver Institute) certificate.

- Complete all classroom assignments & 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 28 Hours (3.5 days) missed PER 400 hours.

- The student **MUST** have all tuition and fees paid to a **ZERO** balance 10 days prior to completion in order to have their name submitted to the DMV and to receive their PTDI and STC certificates.

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 (160 Hours)

- **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
 - Log Books
 - Fatigue and Wellness Awareness
- **Non-Driving Activities (continued)**
 - Medical Requirements
 - CDL Manual
 - CDL Prep
 - Human Trafficking
 - CSA
- **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)**
 - Post-Crash Procedures
 - External Communications
 - Whistleblower/Coercion
 - Trip Planning
 - Drugs/Alcohol
- **Non-Driving Activities (continued)**
 - Special Rigs
 - Crossing Border
 - Basic Business Practices
 - Driving Simulator

CDL – Hands-On (240 Hours)

- **Week #5**
 - Lab/Range/Road
 - Pre-Trip Inspections
 - Coupling and Uncoupling
 - Basic Backing Principles
 - Basic Shifting Principles
- **Week #7**
 - Range/Road
 - CDL Basic Control Skills Cont'd
 - CDL On Road Driving Cont'd
- **Week #9**
 - Range/Road
 - Advanced Backing Techniques***
 - Advanced Shifting Techniques
 - Pulling Loaded Trailers
 - Advanced Driving Techniques****
- **Week #6**
 - Range/Road
 - On Road Shifting
 - Backing Techniques
 - CDL Basic Control Skills*
 - CDL On Road Driving**
- **Week #8**
 - Range/Road
 - CDL Basic Control Skills Cont'd
 - CDL On Road Driving Cont'd
- **Week #10**
 - Range/Road
 - Advanced Backing Techniques Cont'd
 - Advanced Shifting Techniques Cont'd
 - Advanced Driving Techniques****
 - CDL Skills Test
 - Graduation

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

- Straight Line Backing
- Offset & Parallel Parking
- Alley Docking

****Advanced Backing Techniques include:*

- Docking Between Trailers

***CDL on Road Driving includes:*

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

*****Advanced Driving Techniques include:*

- Professional Shifting Techniques
- Town and City Driving
- Mountain Driving
- Pulling Loaded Trailers

Student Ratio: 3 Students / 1 Truck