



## **Commercial Vehicle Driving – CAREER AND TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE (CTC)**

Please note this FAQ is meant to be a guide only and is subject to change

### **When is the next Start Date for the Commercial Vehicle Driving PROGRAM?**

- View **Upcoming Commercial Vehicle Driving Sessions** for start dates <http://www.tcc.fl.edu/transportation>

### **Where will the program be located?**

- It will be held in Leon County near the main campus located at the **Transportation and Logistics Center of Excellence** - 320 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304 (near the intersection of West Tennessee Street and Appleyard Drive)

### **When is registration?**

- First, you must **Apply for TCC Admission**
  - **TCC Application On-Line** at <https://forms.tcc.fl.edu/Application/Application/SelectProgram>. Under **Degree & Certificates** choose **Short Term Certificates** and then select **Commercial Vehicle Driving (5029)** as the Program of Study
- Once you have been accepted -
  1. **Obtain** your **Florida 7 YR MVR** from the DMV or Tax Collector's Office (**MUST be within 45 days prior to the first day of class**)
  2. Schedule a **Department of Transportation (DOT) Physical** with a Certified Medical Examiner.
  3. **Place Order** at <https://portal.castlebranch.com/TP11> for your **DOT Drug Test** (It takes up to 7 business days for results to be received and **MUST be within 30 days prior to the first day of class**)
  4. **Obtain a Letter of Intent or Proof of Employment** from a potential employer (**only applicable if under 22 years of age**)

**\*\*\* ALL documents from steps 1-4 must be submitted to the program in order to complete step 5.**

  5. **Register** in WorkDay Student for **TRA0080 – Tractor-Trailer Driving**

### **How long will it take to complete the program?**

- 320 contact hours (does not include school closure and/or holidays)
  - DAY offering – 8 weeks
  - NIGHT Offering – 16 weeks

### **What is the anticipated class schedule for this program?**

- DAY
  - 8:00AM – 5:00PM Monday – Friday (**Weeks 1-6 and Week 8**)
  - 1:00PM – 10:00PM Monday – Thursday; Friday 8:00AM – 5:00PM (**Week 7**)
- NIGHT
  - 6:00PM – 10:00PM Monday – Thursday
  - 8:00AM – 5:00PM 2 Saturdays out of every month

### **How much of the classes are “Hands-on” activities?**

- The goal is to log at least 1000 miles in a truck



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**Do I need a certain GPA to be accepted to the program; and are there any prerequisites for acceptance to the program?**

- No, but you must have at least a High School or GED diploma & submit a TCC application and be accepted to TCC

**Do I need to attend a TCC Credit Program Orientation?**

- No, but you will be requested to attend a Commercial Vehicle Driving program orientation

**What credentials will I have once I have successfully completed the program?**

- A state issued Class ‘A’ Commercial Driver License

**What is the estimated cost of the program?**

<input type="checkbox"/> In - State Tuition & Student Fees (\$2.67 per clock hour)	\$ 854.40
<input type="checkbox"/> Out – of - State Tuition & Student Fees (\$10.68 per clock hour)	\$ 3,417.60
<input type="checkbox"/> Lab Fees	\$ 1,551.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Textbook Bundle (paid to Follett, not to TCC)	\$ 161.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Uniforms (paid to Follett, not to TCC)	\$ 75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Cost of DOT physical exam (not paid to TCC)	\$ 150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Cost of Class A Temporary Permit (first attempt, not paid to TCC)	\$ 6.25
<input type="checkbox"/> Cost of Class A License & State Skills Tests (not paid to TCC)	\$ 81.25
<input type="checkbox"/> Cost of 7 Year Driving Record and Drug Screening (not paid to TCC; via online)	\$ 60.00

**In – State \$ 2,938.90\***

**Out – of – State: \$ 5,502.10\***

*\*Estimation of price, subject to change*

**Do I have to pay for the entire program all at once?**

- Yes
- However, if eligible, you may qualify for VA benefits, other financial assistance, use the Florida Prepaid College Plan, or participate in the alternative payment plan option

For more information on Payment Options for Workforce Programs visit

<http://www.tcc.fl.edu/workforce-development/individuals/other-student-resources/>

**Will Federal Financial Aid be available for this program?**

- No

**What are the enrollment requirements for this program?**

- At least a standard high school diploma or GED diploma
- Must be at least 18 years of age (Please note students under 22 years of age must show proof of employment or intent to hire within the trucking industry, due to most employers requiring candidates to be at least 21 years of age)
- Provide a 7 year Driving History within **45 days prior to the first day of class** which shows no major traffic violations (including but not limited to the below within that timeframe):
  - No DUI’s
  - No careless driving



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- No more than 6 points within 3 years
- Complete and pass the DOT Physical Exam prior to the first day of class
- Complete and pass the DOT Drug Test within **30 days prior to the first day of class**

### Is there any other information I need to know?

- Yes
  - Payment of any fees to TCC (3rd Party Administrator) will not affect fees payable by the applicant to the Department for issuance of a driver license.
  - The Department may retest any applicant presenting a TCC (3rd Party Administrator's) waiver form in the process of obtaining a driver license without regard to results indicated on that form.
  - TCC (3rd Party Administrator) does not issue driver licenses and cannot guarantee issuance of a driver license nor in any way influence the Department in issuance of a driver license.

### So, what are the steps again?

- 1.) **Apply online** at <https://forms.tcc.fl.edu/Application/Application/SelectProgram>. Under Degrees & Certificates choose Short Term Certificates and then select Commercial Vehicle Driving (5029)
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