

HOW IS THE PROGRAM STRUCTURED?

This 16-credit program includes a combination of classroom instruction and range and road training (TRK 108, 110, 112, and 115).

Classroom instruction

Topics covered include:

- Trucking industry introduction including service hours
- Endorsements: HazMat, tankers and doubles and triples
- Federal motor carriers safety regulations
- State and federal motor traffic laws
- Trip planning and map reading
- Defensive driving certification
- DOT pre-trip safety inspections
- Employment preparation

Range and road instruction

Topics covered include:

- Basic vehicle control and vehicle control systems
 - Shifting, cornering, and maneuvering, which includes front line stopping, straight line backing, serpentine backing, parallel parking, and alley docking
 - Emergency procedures and hazard perception
 - Safety and defensive driving including visual searching
 - Speed and space management including passing and meeting other vehicles
 - MVA testing
- * This course provides the major skills training and practice necessary to prepare for state CDL Class A driving exam. A CDL Class A learner's permit is required to take this course.

Program Fees

Tuition costs are determined by state of residency. For current tuition costs, go to www.hagerstowncc.edu/finance.

Additional fees

Prior to the start of class, students must have the following:

- DOT physical and a 10-panel drug screen. Exams can be done at Health@Work in Hagerstown (240-313-9910). The DOT form may be picked up at the MVA.
- Copy of driver's record from the MVA. Please check for outstanding violations that would prevent attainment of the CDL permit or license.
- CDL learner's permit. The student must download the CDL permit manual from their state MVA. The practice ebsite for the learner's permit is www.thetruckersreport.com.
- Textbooks
- FMCSA Clearinghouse requires a DOT full query be completed, for which students must register and pay a nominal fee.

REGISTER IN TWO EASY STEPS!

1. Contact Commercial Vehicle Transportation Specialist Janie Spielman at 240-500-2578, or email fjspielman@hagerstowncc.edu to set up an appointment to go through the admissions process. **NOTE: Janie's office is located on HCC's main campus on Robinwood Drive, in the CBES, room 207.**
2. Fill out an online application at www.hagerstowncc.edu/admissions/apply-online. First-time applicants will be advised to create an account. After creating your account, click on "Application for Admission" and enter your account information. Choose "CER TRK Commercial Vehicle Transportation Specialist" as your major.

Please note that early registration is recommended for this program. CVT students are exempt from attending HCC's New Student Orientation.



CVT instruction is provided at:

Bowman Training Center
562 Northern Avenue
Hagerstown, MD 21742
OR

New Heights Industrial Park
18450 Showalter Road
Hagerstown, MD 21742



HCC Main Campus
11400 Robinwood Drive
Hagerstown, MD 21742
240-500-2578
www.hagerstowncc.edu



Commercial Vehicle Transportation



Truck driver training at HCC

WHAT IS THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM?

The Commercial Vehicle Transportation (CVT) program is a comprehensive program designed to guide students into the transportation industry by giving them an opportunity to study for Class A and Class B commercial drivers licenses. Students receive classroom instruction and experience behind-the-wheel truck driving. Students can choose between a weekend class that is completed in 15 weeks, or a weekday class that is completed in 7.5 weeks.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING AT HCC?

The new training facility at the D.M. Bowman Family Workforce Training Center is fully operational at 562 Northern Avenue in Hagerstown. Instruction is provided with a new Kenworth 10-speed standard transmission training fleet and quality instructors with real world experience. The transportation career field is wide open with many choices and work schedules that provide substantial compensation.

Classes are available to suit your schedule:

- Weekday sessions (7.5 weeks) are held Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Weekend sessions (15 weeks) are held Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Standard class size is 20 students or less with a maximum one-to-four instructor to student ratio

Job placement assistance is offered:

Local and nationally-based trucking companies frequently visit each class to recruit drivers.

Decent starting pay:

As an entry-level Class A driver, starting pay typically averages between \$60,000 to \$75,000 per year (*U.S. Dept. of Labor*).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is tuition assistance or financial aid available?

Yes, HCC's CVT program is accredited and many students qualify for financial aid. Financial aid options include:

- Federal financial aid including student loans*
- No-interest payment plan
- Veteran (VA) financing available**

* Students may apply for a Pell Grant or a low-interest Stafford Loan.

** To find out if you are eligible to receive VA benefits, go to www.hagerstowncc.edu/veterans.



What are the requirements to enter the program?

- Must possess a valid license and be 18 years of age
- Must be able to pass a DOT physical and drug screen
- Must be able to communicate in English sufficiently, as required by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation.
- Applicants must pass college assessment test.
- Must perform all technical standards associated with the CVT Program
- Must have CDL Class A Learner's Permit
- Must grant permission to complete a full query on FMCSA DOT Clearinghouse, which must show no restriction

Do I need to transfer my license to Maryland if I'm not a Maryland resident?

No, if you are currently licensed in Pa., W.Va., or Va., CDL testing and licensing will take place in your state of residence.

What credentials will I receive upon completion?

- Class A CDL through the driver's state of residence once the driving test has been passed

Certificate COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION SPECIALIST

This skills-oriented program leads to a commercial vehicle transportation specialist certificate and is for those individuals seeking a career in professional truck driving. The curriculum consists of classroom, skills, and field instruction and is based on industry recognized skill standards.

Successful students will be eligible to test for a Class A commercial vehicle license with air brakes, combinations, doubles/triples, tankers, and hazardous materials endorsements, as well as the Defensive Driving Certification. Interested individuals must have a valid driver's license from Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, or Virginia, a CDL Class A Learner's Permit, and must pass a Department of Transportation physical examination and drug screen.

Program Requirements 16 credits

TRK	108	Commercial Vehicle Transportation Career Development.....	1
TRK	110	Introduction to Commercial Vehicle Transportation.....	4
TRK	112	Pre-Trip Inspection.....	3
TRK	115	Commercial Vehicle Skills Application	8

Certificate Requirement 16

