

# Obtaining your CDL through Danville Community College

## Step-by-Step Guide

### Determine Funding Options

- Tuition for the CDL Training Program is \$4500
- This cost can be reduced to \$1500 through the Fast Forward Program if you are a Virginia Resident.
- Cost may be further reduced through income-contingent programs such as FANTIC.

### Register With Ancora

- Ancora, our CDL Training provider, will provide you with free vouchers for your required Department of Transportation (DOT) Physical and for the required drug screening when you complete the registration process.
- You must pass both the DOT physical and a drug test prior to registering for the CDL Training Program

### Check Your Eligibility

- **Driving Record:** Your driving record will be a factor in hiring eligibility with many employers. Many CDL employers will not hire candidates with serious violations, such as a DUI or Reckless Driving citations.
- **English Fluency:** Although you may take your Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) test in a variety of languages, the final DMV CDL Test requires the applicant to be fluent in written and spoken English.

### Obtain Your Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP)

We **strongly recommend** that you obtain your Virginia CLP prior to beginning the CDL Training Program. **If you do NOT possess your CLP prior to starting the CDL Training Program, you may only take the classroom portion of the CDL training. You must test and pass the CLP test within one week of completing the classroom portion of the training or you will fail the class. You cannot go to the training range without your CLP.**

- Here's some important information regarding the CLP process:
  - You should pass a DOT Physical prior to taking the CLP Test
  - You will test on CDL-A concepts which include: general knowledge, combination, and air brakes.

- DCC can provide a free CDL License Manual to help you prepare for the CLP test.
- If you plan to obtain a HAZMAT endorsement on your CDL permit, you **MUST** take the classroom portion (40 hours) of the CDL Training Program prior to testing for the endorsement.

**If you possess your CLP prior to starting the CDL Training Program, you are ready to begin both the classroom portion and the training range portion of the training.**

## About the DCC CDL Training Program

### Minimum Requirements

- **You must hold a valid, unrestricted driver's license**
- **You must be 18 years of age to obtain a CDL**
- **Per DOT guidelines, you must be 21 years of age to drive out-of-state commercially.**

### Class Formats

We offer two class formats:

- **Weekday course:** Four weeks, 16 ten-hour days, Mon-Thurs, 7:00 am-5:30 pm (30 min lunch)
- **Weekend course:** Eight weeks, 16 ten-hour days, Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 am-5:30 pm (30 min lunch)

### Skills Test

- We schedule your skills test at the DMV
- We will provide a truck for you to use during the DMV test

## Getting Registered

- If you have questions about CDL, the DCC CDL Training Program, DMV Testing, or registering with Ancora, please reach out to Brittany Herrera at [brittany.herrera@ancoraeducation.com](mailto:brittany.herrera@ancoraeducation.com).
- If you have questions about funding options and class registration for the DCC CDL Training Program, contact Chad Younger at 434-797-8573 or [chadrick.younger@danville.edu](mailto:chadrick.younger@danville.edu)