

Commercial Truck Driving Programs



Ready to hit the road?

We look forward to helping you connect to a rewarding career in the vital commercial truck driving industry.

Program Overview

CGTC offers two commercial truck driving programs: **Commercial Truck Driving** and **Commercial Straight Truck and Passenger Driving**. Each program runs for eight (8) weeks. Classes are held Monday - Friday; day classes are from 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. and evening classes (Georgia VECTR Center only) are held from 4:15 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. (*Commercial Straight Truck and Passenger Driving classes are held during the day only.*) For a complete schedule, visit www.centralgatech.edu/academics/class-schedule.

The Commercial Truck Driving program is offered at all locations listed below. The Commercial Straight Truck and Passenger Driving program is only offered at the Peach County Workforce Development Center.

- ❑ **Georgia VECTR Center**
1001 South Armed Forces Blvd., Warner Robins, GA 31088
- ❑ **Macon Campus**
3300 Macon Tech Dr., Macon, GA 31206
- ❑ **Hawkinsville Workforce Development Center**
243 Warner Robins Hwy., Hawkinsville, GA 31036
- ❑ **Peach County Workforce Development Center**
425 James E. Khoury Dr., Fort Valley, GA 31030
- ❑ **Putnam County Center**
580 James Marshall Bypass, Eatonton, GA 31024

For More Information

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Program Requirements

- You must be 18 years of age or older
- A high school diploma or GED® diploma is NOT required
- You must have a valid Georgia driver's license

Program Disqualification

You will NOT be accepted to either truck driving program if you have:

- More than eight (8) points on your motor vehicle report
- More than four (4) moving violations in the last three (3) years
- A conviction for driving under the influence (DUI) within the last three (3) years



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About the programs

Commercial Truck Driving (CT61)

This technical certificate program provides basic training in the principles and skills of commercial truck operations, including commercial motor vehicles of all different sizes and descriptions on all types of roads. At the completion of the program, the student is administered the Georgia CDL Skills Exam.

Required Classes

	Credit Hours
CTDL 1010 Fundamentals of Commercial Truck Driving	3
CTDL 1020 Combination Vehicle Basic Operation and Range Work	2
CTDL 1030 Combination Vehicle Advanced Operations	4
Total Hours	9

Commercial Straight Truck and Passenger Driving (CSQ1)

This technical certificate program provides basic training in the principles and skills of commercial straight truck and passenger driving operations, including commercial straight trucks and passenger vehicles of all different sizes and descriptions on all types of roads. The program prepares students for the Georgia CDL Skills Exam.

Required Classes

	Credit Hours
CTDL 1010 Fundamentals of Commercial Truck Driving	3
CTDL 1050 Straight Truck/Passenger Vehicle Basic Operation	2
CTDL 1060 Straight Truck/Passenger Vehicle Advanced Operation	4
Total Hours	9

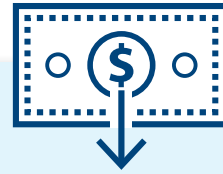
Books and Materials

Required for CTDL 1010 (can be purchased from the CGTC Bookstore):

- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations Pocketbook
- Driver's Daily Log (three copies)
- Hours of Service & Driver Logs Workbook

Recommended, but not required:

- J.J. Keller Tractor-Trailer Driver Training Manual
- Rand McNally Road Atlas



Financial Aid

HOPE and State Aid Programs

Eligible students enrolled in either the Commercial Truck Driving program or the Commercial Straight Truck and Passenger Driving program may receive \$73 per credit hour from the **HOPE Grant** or \$125 per credit hour from the **Zell Miller Grant**. The **HOPE Career Grant** will pay a one-time award of \$1,000 for eligible students enrolled in either the Commercial Truck Driving program or the Commercial Straight Truck and Passenger Driving program (additional funding will not be provided if a student needs to retake either program).

Information and eligibility requirements are available at www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs.

Questions About Financial Aid?

Visit www.centralgatech.edu/financialaid or email finaid@centralgatech.edu.

Program Costs

- Tuition and Fees\$1,509
- Books and Materials\$90
- Physical Exam \$45 - \$79
- Initial Drug Test \$30 - \$40
- Seven-Year Motor Vehicle Report..... \$8
- Commercial Instructional Permit ...\$45
- CDL Skills Test*\$100

Costs are approximate and subject to change.

**Includes three parts: vehicle inspection, basic control skills, and a road test.*

Drug Testing Requirement

Students will be subject to a random drug and/or alcohol test during the CTDL program. A CTDL student who fails (tests positive) a drug and/or alcohol test will not be able to complete the program at CGTC or at any Technical College System of Georgia institution until documentation of successful completion of a return-to-duty program as prescribed by a substance abuse counselor is provided. A CTDL student who refuses a random drug and/or alcohol test will be counted as a positive result under section 40.191 for drugs and section 40.261 for alcohol under the FMCSA regulations book. A list of substance abuse resources is available online at www.centralgatech.edu/counseling. Additional information is located in section 382 of the FMCSA regulations book. If a student tests positive, that information will be recorded in the student's official student account in accordance with TCSG data policy #CR1720 *Commercial Truck Driving Drug Test Failure*.

How to enroll in a commercial truck driving program at CGTC

Applying to Central Georgia Technical College and being accepted into a commercial truck driving program are **two separate and distinct processes**. Applicants are accepted to a commercial truck driving program on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applying to CGTC

1. Submit a complete *Application for Admission* and pay the non-refundable application fee of \$25
2. Submit a signed *Student Agreement* form
3. Provide a copy of a valid Georgia driver's license
4. Take the free ACCUPLACER® college placement test and score at least:
Next-Generation ACCUPLACER® (after 01/31/19): Reading: 218 | Writing: 222 | Arithmetic: 223
ACCUPLACER® (prior to 02/01/19): Sentence Skills: 30 | Reading Comprehension: 36 | Arithmetic: 23
5. Apply for financial aid by completing the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>

Next Steps

Once all steps above have been completed and you are officially accepted to CGTC, Sarah Saunders will contact you for program advisement as seats in the program are available. You will be contacted at the phone number and email address that you provided on your admissions application. You can view the contact information that we have on file for you in BannerWeb.

Do not obtain your physical, motor vehicle report, books and materials, or any other documents until you have been contacted by Sarah Saunders for program advisement.

You are not officially signed up for a commercial truck driving program until you receive a print out of your official registration screen from Sarah Saunders.



If you need help applying to CGTC, contact the Admissions Office at admissionsoffice@centralgatech.edu. If you have questions about financial aid, contact the Financial Aid Office at finaid@centralgatech.edu. If you have questions about a CTD program, contact Sarah Saunders at ssaunders@centralgatech.edu or (478) 218-3315.