Want to change gears quickly? The nine-week Truck Driver Training certificate at Greenville Technical College can help you get a job or a better job quickly. You’ll graduate with a Certificate in Applied Science, and if you pass the exam, you’ll be ready to work with a Class A CDL. This 12 credit-hour program is one of a few GTC options that does not require a high school diploma; however, students must meet several requirements prior to acceptance into the program.

Job Outlook/Career Opportunities

The top three industries for truck drivers are general freight, specialized freight, and merchant wholesalers. Pay is usually determined by mileage, and the type of freight usually determines the per-mile rate. Some owner-operator drivers are paid a share of the shipping profits.

Job opportunities for truck drivers depend mainly on the economy, with demand growing as consumers and companies increase spending. A rise in fuel prices may cause some companies to switch their long distance shipping to rails, but short-haul is more efficient in both fuel economy and delivery time. Nationally, the outlook for job opportunities is best for trained heavy and tractor-trailer drivers, according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics.

Choosing a career as a truck driver, especially long haul, is also a lifestyle choice. As in most professions, experience and time on the job will lead to greater opportunities, with much depending on a driver’s attention to safety issues and reputation for reliability.
What You’ll Learn

State and federal regulations govern the qualifications and standards for truck drivers. We provide a strong knowledge base in the latest technologies along with extensive hands-on experience so that you feel comfortable and confident from your first day on the job. The Truck Driver Training Certificate program includes

- long haul
- short haul
- local operations
- basics for over-the-road travel
- rules and regulations of the Department of Transportation
- preparation for the written and driving portions of the commercial driver’s license (CDL) test

Getting Started

Go to any GTC campus or to the Admissions and Registration Center (ARC) at McAlister Square to complete your application and take placement tests. Then initiate the registration process in one of our information sessions. Call (864) 277-2845 or check our web page for the latest schedule. Students should come prepared to meet with a faculty member for an interview in which the instructor will explain the process for taking this class. You should begin this process as soon as possible because classes generally fill well in advance.

Location

Greenville Technical College’s Truck Driver Training program is located at the SCTechnology and Aviation Center (SC-TAC), formerly Donaldson Center.