



CDL Testing On-Site

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE

DRIVER TRAINING



Potential
Earnings

\$51-60k
Annually

Learning Outcomes

- ✓ Entry-Level Driver Training
- ✓ Pre-trip Inspection
- ✓ Backing and Driving

Benefits

- ✓ Scholarship Opportunities
- ✓ Truck Driving Simulator
- ✓ Small Classes = More Drive Time

Online Course Disclaimer: The fees for online courses may vary. The tuition stated reflects the cost at the time the catalog was created.

In-Person Course Disclaimer: Students that are registered and paid will receive first priority for enrollment in the course. Enrollment numbers must be achieved in order for course to be offered. All classes are subject to change. No refunds after class begins or for unsatisfactory grades.

Contact Us

863-784-7033

cdl@southflorida.edu

Building a **Successful** Career in Truck Driving

**A strong foundation is crucial to a successful career.
Embark on your CDL pathway at South Florida State College.**



Why select SFSC for CDL?

- ✓ Simple registration
- ✓ Smaller class size = more one on one with instructor
- ✓ Short-term training
- ✓ Hiring assistance
- ✓ Hands-on learning
- ✓ 3rd Party Tester for the State
- ✓ Simulator and fleet of Class A & B Vehicles, 10 speed & automatic
- ✓ Free tuition opportunities**



Free Tuition

**We partner with several programs that offer FREE TUITION to qualified applicants.

- ✓ Open Door Grant - apply at:
southflorida.edu/opendoorgrant
- ✓ CareerSource Heartland - For those living in Highlands, Hardee, DeSoto, or Okeechobee, and age 18 or older.
• 863-385-3672 ext. 1328
- ✓ Military and Veteran Benefits
• 863-784-7128
- ✓ Panther Youth Partners - Serve those 24 years of age and under.
• 863-784-7054
- ✓ Farmworker Career Development - Helps individuals and their households who worked in agriculture during the past two years.
• 863-784-7166
- ✓ Vocational Rehabilitation - Helps those with disabilities get or keep a job.
• 863-593-6261



CDL

Certified Drivers License

(To begin this journey, there are medical requirement and other processes to follow as outlined on page 2.)

Learner's Permit (CLP)

(Follow steps as outlined on next page.)

Entry Level Driver Training

(Type of training needed depends on current level of experience. See below to determine your training path.)

A. With Experience

Definition: Must have at least 160-hours of verifiable behind the wheel experience

- **Training:** Will need to take ELDT online training and 16 hours of in-person refresher to prepare for exam.

B. No Experience

Definition: No prior experience driving or some experience but unable to provide required verifiable BTW experience.

- **Training:** Will need to take 160 hours of training to prepare for exam.
(Class A with no restrictions on license)

Earn CDL

Successfully pass the State of Florida CDL exam



Get Hired



Stats from a local partner:

The average first year income is \$51,000 - \$60,000. Drivers receive 1.5 days off for every week they are out on the road (minimum three weeks out), so for three weeks they can stay home four to five days. Drivers that go back on the road in two or three days will earn a salary of \$60,000.



Employer Partnerships

- ✓ Averitt
- ✓ Covenant
- ✓ CRT
- ✓ Cypress Truck Lines
- ✓ Knight Trans
- ✓ Lake Placid Citrus
- ✓ Melton Truck Lines
- ✓ Prime
- ✓ Schneider
- ✓ Swift Dedicated
- ✓ Trans Am
- ✓ US Express
- ✓ Windy Hill Transportation



Employers

- ✓ The CDL program may be customized for a business to elevate their employee's skills.
- ✓ Call Joe for a training plan to meet the needs of YOUR business.
- ✓ To advertise your job opportunity for free on College Central Network and other college students around the state, contact SFSC's Career Development Center at 863-784-7410.



Refresher Training

Available to those who:

- Previously carried a CDL and want to get back into the trucking industry. **OR**
- For those who have 160 Hours of on the job training on a class A vehicle.

Contact us today!

Joe Burke, Coordinator, CDL

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- 👍 Like us on facebook at SFSCCE
- 🌐 Visit southflorida.edu/cdl

**NO APPLICATION OR FAFSA REQUIRED.
ASK US HOW TO GET STARTED
AS SOON AS TODAY!**

ROAD TO YOUR FUTURE!

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FOR COURSE DATES!
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Commercial License Permit (CLP), DOT Physical, & Drug Screen

Steps to Enroll: Must follow the steps in the specified order.
A valid Class E driver's license is required to start the process.

1

Step 1 - Tuition Assistance

Connect with SFSC at **863-784-7033** to discover available funding opportunities. If you meet the eligibility requirements, you may be able to attend for free.

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Step 2 - Medical Requirement

(Email CDL@southflorida.edu a copy of your MedCard to let us know you completed step two)

Get a DOT physical examination for Commercial Drivers Medical Certification which is required prior to receiving your temporary driving permit. MediTest, 1350 E. Main St., Suite C1, Bartow, FL 33830. Call for appointment **863-533-7484**. Cost for SFSC students or prospective student is \$70. To get this rate, you must email CDL@southflorida.edu for a form. If using a different provider other than suggested, please make sure to ask if they are authorized to perform a DOT physical. Must be done by a provider that is authorized to do DOT physicals.

IMPORTANT: Do not take drug screening at this time. Drug test is done in step 5.

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Step 3 - Earn CLP from DMV

(Email CDL@southflorida.edu a copy of your Permit to let us know you completed step three)

Successfully complete exam at DMV to earn your Certified Learner's Permit (CLP).

There are three parts to the DMV exam:

1st test is General Knowledge and it will cover Sections 1,2,3,11,12, and 13 of the handbook.

2nd test is Air Brakes and it will cover Section 5 of the handbook.

3rd test is Combination Vehicle and will cover Section 6 of the handbook.

Review the CDL Handbook which you can download to your phone or personal computer, [SECTION 1 \(flhsmv.gov\)](https://www.flhsmv.gov/section1).

Once you pass all three portions, you will obtain your Class A Certified Learner's Permit and it is valid for one year.

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Step 4—Clearinghouse

(Email CDL@southflorida.edu and let us know you completed step four)

Step 4 MUST be done prior to step 5. *Must wait 14 business days after permit issue date. Are you registered in Clearinghouse with your employer? If yes, skip this step and let us know. If you are NOT registered, click this link and register <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/> follow the steps to create an account. Use your personal email, not recommended to use college or work email that may become inactive. Select language and create 12 character password (you will need to remember it). Select phone option in order to receive security codes when logging in. Enter security code sent to your phone, submit, agree and continue. Select Student Driver and click Register as a Student Driver as your role. Enter your contact information and select email as preferred contact method. Designate South Florida State College as your (C/TPA), select Report Violations and Report RTD Information and next. Enter current CDL Permit and then Verify. SFSC will run a query in Clearinghouse after SFSC receives your drug test results. Please accept our query when you receive notification. You must enter your Commercial License Permit (CLP) number and add South Florida State College as your C/TPA to finalize account setup. **It is IMPORTANT to complete this step PRIOR to getting your drug test.**

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Step 5 - 10-Panel Drug Screening

(Email CDL@southflorida.edu and let us know you completed step five)

Get a DOT Drug screen. Please Read! MediTest, 1350 E. Main St., Suite C1, Bartow, FL 33830. Call for appointment at **863-533-7484**. Cost for SFSC students or prospective student is \$65. You will need a form from SFSC prior to drug screen. For the form, email us at cdl@southflorida.edu or stop by 200 US HWY 27 S., Avon Park. If you choose a different laboratory, make sure that they will send the results to a third party prior to screening. Results will need to be emailed to cdl@southflorida.edu. Any student that does not pass their drug screening will not be accepted into the CVD program. All fees paid at the time of screening are non-refundable.

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Step 6 - Register in Employ Florida

(Email CDL@southflorida.edu and let us know you completed step six)

1. Go to www.employflorida.com in the browser bar. Under the Username and Password boxes, click on Not Registered?

2. Under Option 3 – Create a User Account, click on Individual.

3. You will be shown a Privacy Agreement explaining the specific uses of your information.

4. You will be asked to enter information starting with a Username and Password. Your Password must be at least 8 characters long and no more than 16 characters long, and must use at least one of each of these: uppercase letter, lowercase letter, number, and special character (options: # @ \$ % ^ . ! * _). No spaces are allowed.

5. All questions with an asterisk (*) are mandatory. For instructions, please read the captions to the right of the area you need to fill in.

If the instructions are not followed, entries will not be saved.

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Step 7 - Contact SFSC

Contact SFSC Corporate Training at **863-784-7033** and touch base with a representative to make sure you are ready to register and pay for the course. Email: CDL@southflorida.edu.

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Step 8 - ONLY for Refresher candidates: Must complete CDL Theory prior to skills and road training.

SFSC will email you the instructions and link to take the online course. Once you complete all quizzes and scored a minimum of 80%, email CDL@southflorida.edu to schedule your training that will prepare you for the CDL exam.

(In the 4-week class, theory training is included In course fee. Students receive login info on first week of class.)

Training Schedule

Ask us about hotel accommodations near the truck driving academy at a nightly fee of \$49.95.

- **Entry-Level Driver Training**
- **Truck Driving Simulator**
- **Pre-trip Inspection**
- **Backing and Driving Training**



Location: Crews Center, 200 US Highway 27 S., Avon Park, FL

Commercial Vehicle Driving Course - \$6,995 (Effective May 5, 2025) - Prior to May 5, 2025 the cost is \$5,995

Subject/ Code	CRN	Dates	Days	Times
TDZ0050	26965	May 5 - 29, 2025	M-F	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
TDZ0050	34183	June 2 - 27, 2025	M-F	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
TDZ0050	34469	June 30 - July 25, 2025	M-F	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
TDZ0050	34426	July 28 - Aug. 22, 2025	M-F	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
TDZ0050	12488	Aug. 25- Sept. 19, 2025	M-F	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
TDZ0050	12489	Sept. 22 - Oct. 17, 2025	M-F	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
TDZ0050	12490	Oct. 20 - Nov. 14, 2025	M-F	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
TDZ0050	12491	Nov. 10 - Dec. 14, 2025	M-F	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

This four-week course provides extensive and quality truck driving instruction to help you be the most successful driver on the road. SFSC offers the in-depth, hands-on truck driving experience sought by employers. SFSC also provides employment connections. Prior to beginning the training and exam, a Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) from the DMV is required along with registering online with CDL clearinghouse and a DOT physical and drug screen (see steps on previous page). Cost includes tuition and two attempts at the CDL Class A exam. For more information, visit southflorida.edu/cdl. Must be fluent in English (speaking, reading, understanding), and must be 18+ of age to take the course. Scholarships are available for those who qualify for the training.

To register, call **863-453-6661**.

CDL Refresher Training and Exam: CLASS A, B or C

Business to Business ONLY! This is for businesses that need employees prepared for the state exam. The employee must have a minimum of a 160 verifiable hours behind the wheel. SFSC is a State of Florida-approved testing facility for the Commercial Drivers License (CDL) skills test, consisting of three parts: the state-mandated, pre-trip inspection, covering 170 parts of the vehicle that must be checked; the basic controls skills test; and the road course. Applicants who pass all three parts receive a Class A, B or C CDL. Participants may use their own vehicle/trailer or one provided by SFSC. The refresher training is a 33-hour program focuses on CDL theory and test preparation. Prior to beginning the training and exam, all steps on previous page must be completed.

Training Fees for Refreshers: \$1,900 (CDL theory and 2-day test prep).

Testing Fees: Full exam (all 3 parts)—\$500; Partial exam—\$350. To schedule, call **863-784-7033**.

Good Information to Know

Let SFSC Help You and Your Business

Customized CDL Training for Your Business



**Click to view
simulator video.**



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SFSC customized CDL training programs are designed to meet the specific needs of your business, ensuring that your drivers are not only qualified but also highly skilled and safe on the road. We work closely with your team to create a tailored training plan that covers everything from basic driving techniques to advanced skills required for your unique operations.

Why Choose Our CDL Training?

- **Tailored to Your Needs:** We design the training program based on your industry requirements, whether you're in logistics, construction, or another field that requires CDL-licensed drivers.
- **Real-World Simulations:** Our state-of-the-art CDL simulator offers a realistic driving experience in all weather conditions, various terrains, and complex scenarios like backing up and shifting gears. This technology allows your drivers to gain confidence and competence before they even hit the road.
- **Enhanced Safety:** By focusing on the specific challenges your drivers may face, our training helps reduce the risk of accidents and improves overall safety.
- **Efficient and Effective:** Customized training ensures that your team gets the exact skills they need without unnecessary time spent on irrelevant content.

Let us develop a training plan for you, **863-784-7033**.

English for the Profession

Learn and improve English skills to become prepared for the CDL training and exam

SFSC offers an ESOL course at no cost. This course will help you learn and improve your English skills and vocabulary that will prepare you for commercial vehicle driver training, the CDL exam, and an entry-level job in this field. Location, days and times vary; visit southflorida.edu/esol for the schedule. Select the time and location in Highlands or Hardee County that best fit your schedule and attend the first class. During this introductory class, the instructor will assist you with the registration process for the ESOL program.

Aprenda y mejore sus conocimientos de Inglés para obtener entrenamiento y pasar su examen de CDL

SFSC ofrece clases de ESOL (Inglés como segundo lenguaje) sin ningún costo. Este curso le ayudará a aprender y mejorar sus conocimientos de Inglés, también a adquirir el vocabulario necesario para el entrenamiento y examen de CDL y para obtener un trabajo de nivel de entrada en este campo. Hay diferentes ubicaciones, días y horas. Por favor visite nuestra página web para ver los diferentes horarios: southflorida.edu/esol. Seleccione los días y ubicación que mejor se adapten a su horario y asista a su primera clase en Highlands o en Hardee. Durante la primera clase el instructor lo asistirá con el proceso de matrícula para las clases del programa ESOL.

Online courses for a career in Supply Chain Management

South Florida State College

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Course Demo



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To register, click course title above or visit Careertraining.ed2go.com/sfsc and search course.

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online in just 3 to 18 months!**

Certified Supply Chain Professional

120-hours \$2,295

Certification Preparation

This 100% online supply chain management course will provide a holistic view of supply chain management and fully prepare you for the Certified Supply Chain Professional certification exam. You will learn how to translate the connection between the areas of planning, sourcing, manufacturing, and delivering into an integrated supply chain.

By course completion, you will have a firm understanding of mitigation strategies, operationalize risk management practices, and how to implement cost reduction measures. This combination of skills will drive the efficiency of your supply chain and give you a competitive edge in the market. To earn the CSCP designation, you must pass the Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) comprehensive exam. Enroll anytime with open enrollment, and access your course within 24-48 business hours.

To register, click course title above or visit Careertraining.ed2go.com/sfsc and search course.

Supply Chain Suite

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a BIG impact!**

Master the art of purchasing and supply chain management through these online courses:

- **Purchasing Fundamentals:** Delve into negotiation techniques, supplier sourcing, outsourcing, and important concepts such as capital budgeting and green procurement. Learn about business law, contracts, and quality management.
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The courses commence around the middle of each month. For precise dates, please refer to the website.

To enroll, click on the course title above or visit Ed2go.com/sfsc and search for the course.

SFSC Corporate & Community Education

Serving Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto counties for almost 60 years!

Career Path Planning

01

Self-Assessment

- Resume Building.
- Dress for Success.
- Practice Interview Skills.
- Know your strengths and weaknesses.

02

Research Career Options

- Explore the right career path for you!
- Take a free assessment at sfsc.kuder.com.
Activation Code: J6568273NVJ

03

Build Skills to Succeed

- Identify short-term training and long-term goals, including soft skills and technical skills.
- No college application or FAFSA required for these short-term programs.

04

Network Building

- Explore Job Opportunities: Develop and maintain industry connections through networking events, career fairs, professional organizations, and a strong LinkedIn presence.
- Keep up with continuing education and professional development.



SFSC Campus and Center Locations

Highlands Campus

600 West College Drive
Avon Park, FL 33825

Hardee Campus

2968 U.S. 17 North
Bowling Green, FL 33834

DeSoto Campus

2251 N.E. Turner Avenue
Arcadia, FL 34266

Lake Placid Center

500 East Interlake Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852



Crews Center

Truck Driving Academy
Construction Academy

200 U.S. Highway 27 South
Avon Park, FL 33825

 [southflorida.edu/corporate training](http://southflorida.edu/corporate%20training)

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