

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](http://southflorida.edu/opendoorgrant)
- ✔ CareerSource Heartland - For those living in Highlands, Hardee, DeSoto, or Okeechobee, age 18 or older, and low income household.
  - 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 requirements and other processes to follow as outlined on page 2.

#### Learner's Permit (CLP)

#### Entry Level Driver Training

If you have 160-hour Verifiable Behind the Wheel Experience

16 Hours of Exam Preparation Training

If No Experience

160-hour Class A (with no transmission restriction) Training

Successfully pass the State of Florida CDL exam

**Earn CDL**

**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 connect with SFSC students 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](http://southflorida.edu/cdl)

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

**ROAD TO YOUR FUTURE!**

SCAN ME



FOR COURSE DATES!

# Commercial License Permit (CLP), DOT Physical, and Drug Screen

## 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.

## Step 2 - Medical Requirement (Email [CDL@southflorida.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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. **Do not take drug screening at this time. Drug test is done in step 5.**

## Step 3 – Earn CLP from DMV (Email [CDL@southflorida.edu](mailto: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:

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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. You can also visit your local DMV to see if they have any copies available [SECTION 1 \(flhsmv.gov\)](http://SECTION 1 (flhsmv.gov)). Once you pass all three portions, you will obtain your Class A Certified Learner's Permit and it is valid for one year.

## Step 4—Clearinghouse (Email [CDL@southflorida.edu](mailto: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.**

## Step 5 - 10-Panel Drug Screening (Email [CDL@southflorida.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Step 6 - Register in Employ Florida (Email [CDL@southflorida.edu](mailto:CDL@southflorida.edu) and let us know you completed step six)

1. Go to [www.employflorida.com](http://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.

## 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](mailto:CDL@southflorida.edu).

## 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](mailto:CDL@southflorida.edu) to schedule your training that will prepare you for the CDL exam. **(4 week class—Theory training is included in course fee. Students receive login info on first week of class.)**

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# Schedule Commercial Vehicle Driver

**Commercial Vehicle Driving Course - \$5,995.**

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

Subject	Program ID	CRN	Dates	Days	Time
TDZ	0050	25242	Jan. 15—Feb. 9, 2024	M-F	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
TDZ	0050	25820	Feb. 12—March 8, 2024	M-F	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
TDZ	0050	25821	March 18—April 12, 2024	M-F	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
TDZ	0050	33843	April 15—May 10, 2024	M-F	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
TDZ	0050	33893	May 8—June 7, 2024	M-F	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
TDZ	0050	33522	June 10—July 5, 2024	M-F	8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
TDZ	0050	33514	July 8—August 2, 2024	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 page 2). Cost includes tuition and two attempts at the CDL Class A exam. For more information, visit [southflorida.edu/cdl](https://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 **863-784-7405**.

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

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

**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 page two must be completed.

**Call 863-784-7033 to schedule.**

**Training Fees for Refreshers: —\$1,900.00 (CDL theory and 2-day test prep)**

## Customize Training for Workforce

**Need customized training for your business or organization?** Please contact us and let us know how we can help. SFSC's staff and faculty will collaborate to offer solutions to meet your needs. We can offer training at your business or at any of our campuses located in Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto counties. **Call 863-784-7033.**



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## 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](https://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 exámen 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 exámen 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](https://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 Training - [ed2go.com/sfsc](https://ed2go.com/sfsc)

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Learn the people skills required to motivate and delegate, and learn tools for solving problems and resolving conflicts.

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Acquire practical experience in strategic planning, management, and finance without enrolling in an MBA program.

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Improve your company's bottom line by mastering the fundamentals of purchasing.

#### Introduction to Business Analysis

Learn powerful techniques to improve your decision-making skills at work.

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Learn to apply the elements and methods of Six Sigma to achieve the highest possible quality.

#### Distribution and Logistics Management

Learn how to improve your company's distribution and logistics management activities, increase customer satisfaction, and improve operational throughput.

#### Supply Chain Management Fundamentals

Master the fundamentals of supply chain management and prepare for internationally recognized certification examinations.

#### Manufacturing Fundamentals

Learn the basic skills required to work in the manufacturing field.

#### Manufacturing Applications

Increase efficiencies and productivity by learning to apply the principles and concepts of manufacturing.

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Serving Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto counties for over 50 years!



## Highlands Campus

600 West College Drive  
Avon Park, FL 33825  
863-453-6661

## Hardee Campus

2968 U.S. 17 North  
Bowling Green, FL 33834  
863-773-3081

## DeSoto Campus

2251 N.E. Turner Avenue  
Arcadia, FL 34266  
863-993-1757

## Lake Placid Center

500 East Interlake Boulevard  
Lake Placid, FL 33852  
863-465-3003

The Crews Center is located at 200 U.S. Highway 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825

**Talk to your program specialist about hotel accommodations at the historic Hotel Jacaranda, a mile from the Crews Center training facility for \$49.95 per night.**

South Florida State College is an equal access/equal opportunity institution.

South Florida State College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the associate and baccalaureate degree. Contact SACSCOC at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of South Florida State College.

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