



*Thank you for your interest in Southern State Truck Driving Academy.*

On behalf of the department, we are very happy that you have reached out to us to learn more about this industry. I have listed the steps below to follow to get started in our CDL program, as well as the cost of the training and the locations in which we offer training.

**The First Step: Register for the program.**

Our registration form can be found on our website <https://www.sccc.edu/truckdriving/index.shtml#start-dates> The link to the registration form is located in the Program Start Dates area on our TDA web page. It is a secure DocuSign form that comes directly to my email once you click submit at the end. The link above will take you to the **Truck Driving Academy** Program Start Dates. You will see the TDA Student Registration form link in the following sentence. “When you are ready to take the next step to a new, exciting career, complete the **TDA Student Registration** form to get started!” **BEFORE YOU BEGIN THE REGISTRATION FORM** please be aware the Registration Form will ask for your social security number, date of birth, driver’s license number, email address, and your phone number. Once you complete the form, the document comes directly to my email. I will then get in touch with you.

**The Second Step: How to Pay for Tuition. (Tuition must be paid in FULL to secure a seat & prior to Step 3)**

- **Paying for the tuition out of pocket?** You can call me directly to pay over the phone with a credit or debit card. (Please make sure your daily spending limit will cover the cost of tuition by calling your bank first.)
- **The CDL Short Term Certificate does NOT qualify for FAFSA funding.** Therefore, if you need financial assistance paying for the tuition, you must first check with your county **Ohio Means Jobs, Community Action and/or Job & Family Services office**. Let them know you are inquiring about financial assistance with Southern State Truck Driving CDL training program. If you are not eligible for tuition assistance through your county, you must get the reason in writing and forward it to me at [adevilbliss@sccc.edu](mailto:adevilbliss@sccc.edu) before I can assist you with State financial assistance.
- **Apply for the \$2000 Short Term Certificate Scholarship through Southern State.** The Scholarship Application can be found by clicking on this link <https://www.sccc.edu/financialaid/forms/scholarships/application-short-term-and-foster-grant.pdf>. Once you have completed the application, email it to me along with a paragraph explaining your reason for financial need. You will be notified within 5-7 days with the determination.
- **Need to apply for a student loan?** Visit [www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com). Or you can call 1-855-756-5626 (855-SLM-LOAN) 8:00 am – 9:00 pm Monday through Friday. Sallie Mae will determine whether to approve or deny your loan based on your credit score. Once approved, please notify me.
- **Using VA Benefits?** We accept Chapter 33 Post 911 GI Bill for the Truck Driving Academy. You must present a current Certificate of Eligibility showing your eligibility percentage.
- **Using UET Vouchers?** Union Education Trust Vouchers can be used as a form of payment. You must request the vouchers from your Union Employer 45 days prior to your approved start date, then email the signed copies to Angie Devilbliss at [adevilbliss@sccc.edu](mailto:adevilbliss@sccc.edu).

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**The Third Step: Complete a DOT physical and drug test.**

**Once the tuition is paid in full,** I will schedule you for a DOT physical and drug screen at one of our approved clinics, which is included in the tuition cost. This must be completed at least 10 days in advance of the start of training in order for the results to be returned to us. Once we receive an approved DOT physical and a negative drug screen your seat is secure.

**Cost – The full cost of the tuition must be paid at least 4 weeks prior to the start of training.**

**Attendance is Mandatory for entire program. We do NOT offer partial training options.**

**Class A – 160 TRAINING HOURS** - The cost is \$5,300. You do **NOT** need to have your permit prior to training. Tuition includes the following tests and endorsements: air brakes, combination tractor/trailer, tankers, hazmat, doubles, and triples. Your DOT physical and drug screen, permit fee, 2 attempts to pass the CDL test at the testing site with our truck, and the license fee. You can test up to 5 times with us. However, there are additional costs with each test. ***Class A students train in a manual 450 hp, 10 speed, Tractor with sleeper cab and 53' trailer.***

**Class Schedule**

**WEEK DAY** Training is Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

**Class A – Week Day Class Offerings** – 4 weeks of Training, then testing begins

December 5, 2022

January 9, 2023

February 6, 2023

March 13, 2023

**Site Locations**

**Wilmington Location:**

**Classroom: (WEEK 1)** Great Oaks Career Campus, 303 Scarlet Oaks Drive, Cincinnati, Oh 45241

**Pad: (WEEK 2-4)** 370 Davids Dr, Wilmington, OH 45177

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

**Angie Devilbliss** B.S.

TDA - Office Manager

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