

TOTAL TRAINING

160+ Hours (ODPS & Pre-Employment)

CURRICULUM

40 hrs Classroom + 40+ hrs BTW

FACILITY LOCATION

2270 Picton Pkwy, Akron, OH 44312

START DATES

Staggered Every 3–4 Weeks (Year-Round)

 FLEXIBLE COURSE SCHEDULES

Day Track (5 Weeks) • Max 10 Trainees

• Monday – Friday • 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Evening / Weekend Track (8 Weeks) • Max 8 Trainees

• Mon – Thu: 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM

• Saturdays: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

 PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

1. **Valid Ohio Driver's License** (no restrictions) + SS Card & Proof of Legal Presence (Birth Certificate/Passport).
2. **DOT 5-Panel Drug Screen** (Negative, non-diluted; must be complete 2 weeks prior).
3. **DOT Medical Exam (MEC Card)** meeting FMCSA standards.

CHOOSE YOUR ENROLLMENT PATHWAY

OPTION 1: NON-CREDIT FAST TRACK

\$7,285.20

Fastest Route to CDL

- Complete training in **5 or 8 weeks**.
- Ideal for students not seeking college credit or a degree.
- **Aid:** NOT eligible for federal FAFSA aid.
- Eligible for OhioMeansJobs / WIOA / OOD state workforce grants.
- Payment in full required to schedule.

OPTION 2: CDL-CEC (22 CREDITS)

\$9,611.20

★ FAFSA FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBLE

- **Career Enhancement Certificate:** CDL training + automotive & diesel systems skills.
- **Aid:** **Eligible for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA)** and scholarships.
- Provides broader credentials for fleet management and heavy maintenance.

OPTION 3: CDL CORE (12 CREDITS)

\$7,415.20

College Credit Focused

- Complete the core 160-hr Class A training for 12 college credits.
- Builds transferable college credit for future degrees.
- **Aid:** NOT eligible for federal FAFSA aid.
- Ideal for VA / Military Benefits and Sallie Mae Smart Option Loans.

HOW TO ENROLL

FOR NON-CREDIT TRACK (OPTION 1)

- 1 **Contact CDL Representative:** Call 330-494-6170 Ext: 4444 or email CDL@starkstate.edu.
- 2 **Secure Payment / Funding:** Pay in full or finalize workforce sponsorship (OMJ/WIOA).
- 3 **Submit Medicals:** Provide DOT 5-panel drug screen & DOT physical 2 weeks prior.

FOR COLLEGE CREDIT TRACKS (OPTIONS 2 & 3)

- 1 **Apply Online:** Visit starkstate.edu/admissions and send official transcripts.
- 2 **Reading Proficiency:** Accuplacer test, ACT/SAT score, or prior college credit.
- 3 **FAFSA (Option 2):** Submit FAFSA at studentaid.gov (School Code: **011141**). Award must be fully packaged before scheduling.

2026–2027 PROGRAM COST BREAKDOWN

OPTION / COST ITEM	AMOUNT
Option 1: Non-Credit Class A CDL	\$7,285.20
Flat course fee (non-degree track).	
Option 2: CDL-CEC (22 Credit Hours)	\$9,611.20
Tuition (\$219.60 × 22 cr = \$4,831.20) + CDL Program Fee (\$4,650.00) + Processing (\$95.00) + Security Fee (\$35.00). *FAFSA Eligible	
Option 3: CDL CORE (12 Credit Hours)	\$7,415.20
Tuition (\$219.60 × 12 cr = \$2,635.20) + CDL Program Fee (\$4,650.00) + Processing (\$95.00) + Security Fee (\$35.00).	

MY ACADEMIC PLAN: CDL-CEC (22 CREDITS)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CR.
AUT 121	Automotive Technical Skills	2
AUT 122	Automotive Systems & Engine Tech	4
CDL 121	Class A - Safe Operation & Control*	6
CDL 122	Class A - Advanced Operations & Maint.	6
CDL 120	Intro to Truck Operations & Maint.	2
CDL 124	Adv. Commercial Truck Safe Operation	2
TOTAL CERTIFICATE CREDIT HOURS		22

ADDITIONAL OUT-OF-POCKET ESTIMATED COSTS

REQUIRED ITEM / PAYABLE TO	EST. COST
DOT 5-Panel Drug Screen (<i>Payable to Clinic prior to class</i>)	\$60.00
DOT Physical Exam / MEC Card (<i>Payable to Clinic prior to class</i>)	\$150.00
CDL Temporary Permit (CLP) (<i>Payable to Ohio BMV during Wks 1–2</i>)	\$28.50
First CDL License Issuance (<i>Payable to Ohio BMV upon passing test</i>)	\$44.50
Optional: HazMat Threat Assessment Fee (TSA)	\$86.50
TOTAL ESTIMATED OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES	\$369.50

Mandatory Deadline: DOT 5-Panel Drug Screen and DOT Physical must be submitted at least **two (2) weeks prior** to your scheduled class start date.

FUNDING & SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

- **OhioMeansJobs / WIOA:** Full or partial tuition vouchers for eligible county residents (apply 4–6 weeks early at jfs.ohio.gov/owd/WIOA).
- **Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD):** ood.ohio.gov
- **VA & Military Benefits:** Applicable to CDL 121/122 credit courses.
- **Sallie Mae Smart Option Loans • Employer Sponsorship.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need my CDL Permit before starting class?

No. The first 40 hours of classroom instruction prepare you to pass your Ohio BMV Temporary Learner's Permit (CLP) and HazMat endorsement exams during week 1 or 2.

What driving record is required?

You must have a valid Ohio driver's license with no restrictions. Having more than 2 points on your driving abstract may significantly restrict initial employer hiring.

What are the job opportunities and career placement?

Class A drivers are in high demand for local (hourly/home daily) and regional/OTR routes. Stark State provides free lifetime Career Services, job fairs, and Handshake employer matching.

How do I schedule my appointment?

Akron Training Center: 2270 Picton Pkwy • **Phone:** 330-494-6170 Ext. 4444 • **Email:** CDL@starkstate.edu