

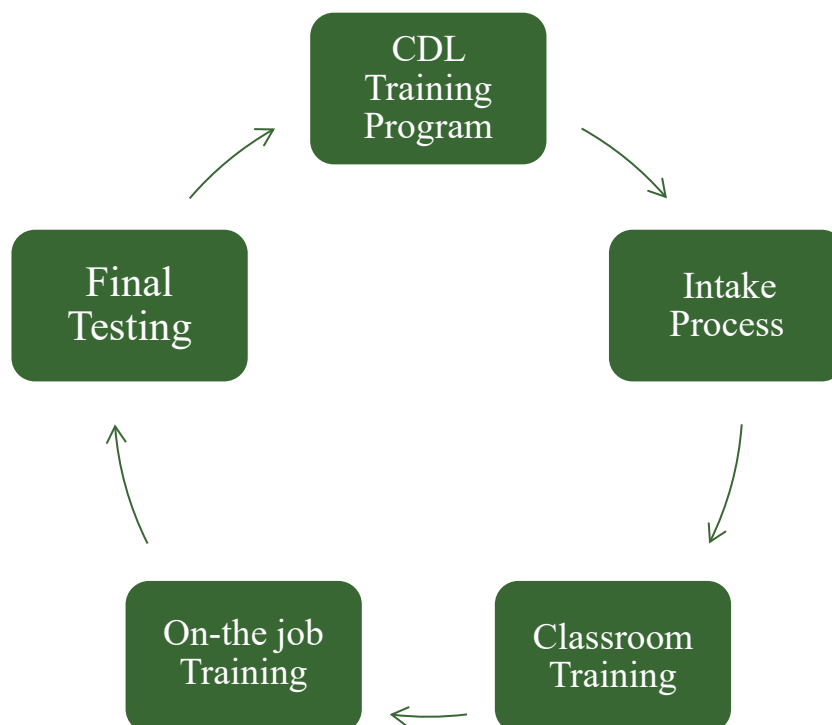


# Collaborative Solutions for CDL Training

*Addressing the shortage of CDL drivers will require partnering with varying business sectors to meet industry need efficiently and timely. The goal of this collaboration is to provide quality training that produces skilled drivers who can safely operate commercial vehicles.*

*Great Falls College MSU will operate as the registered entry-level driver training provider (ELDT) with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and each partnering business will be listed as an additional location under our ELDT registry.*

*This pathway partnership blends education and work-based learning that allows opportunity for talent pipeline development. By generating skilled entry level drivers, this collaboration can address workforce shortages in our community and state.*



## **Training Cost:**

**\$3,500** includes books, testing fees and First Aid/CPR certification,

**\$2,500** for current employees of our Pathway Partners (includes books, testing fees & First Aide/CPR certification)

## **\*Pre-Requisite Costs:**

**\$130 - \$300** (varies depending on Certified Medical Examiner charge). These costs are incurred prior to program admittance as documentation must accompany application submission. See breakdown identified in Part A under Intake Process.

**Intake Process:** GFCMSU will ensure policies & procedures are in place for class acceptance & enrollment criteria:

**Pre-requisites:**

- Part A:
- \*Attend Mandatory Information Session – offered monthly
  - \*Possess current MT Driver's License
    - Must be 18 years plus for intrastate license and 21 years plus for interstate license**
  - \*Provide Certified copy of Birth Certificate
  - \*Pass or hold Current Department of Transportation (DOT) Physical from Certified Medical Examiner (\$100 - \$266)
  - \*Pass Drug Test – included in cost of the training
  - \*Submit Motor Vehicle Record (\$7.87)
  - \*Submit Background Check (\$20)
  - \*Pay training fee
- Part B:
- Confirmation email will be sent for class acceptance
- First day of class (Orientation Day) which will consist of: class expectations, academic pre-assessment (TABE), state examiners going through testing requirements, and businesses recruiters speaking to the class.

**Submit application with above pre-requisites in Part A**

**Classroom Training:** All classes will include the following:

- Work Ethics Training
- First/Aid & CPR Certification
- Employer Recruitment
- Prospect Placement with Pathway Partner

GFCMSU, in coordination with our Pathway Partners, will oversee the following:

- Student registration in ELDT system
- State Examiners coordination for onsite permit testing details & test schedule (successful completion of class outcomes is mandatory prior to testing)
- Syllabus/class expectations

**On-the-Job-Training:** *GFCMSU and Pathway Partners will work together to match one (1) Student with one (1) business under the CDL Pathway Partner MOA.* This placement provides students with a paid work-based learning/internship to complete behind-the-wheel training. This will include:

- ELDT administration/system registry for each training location
- 1:1 placement ratio for student with pathway partner
- Communication, collaboration, and curriculum content for behind-the-wheel skills
- Continued professional development and training for all instructors and pertinent staff to ensure quality assurance

**Final Testing:** GFCMSU will ensure final checklist criteria has been met before scheduling final exam. In collaboration with Pathway Partners, GFCMSU will:

- Process for final sign-off to include pre-exam prior to official driving test
- Final exam schedule arrangements with details
- Transition follow up
- Ongoing wrap up evaluation and reflection for continued improvement