

## **New truck driver training program offers free tuition and job opportunity**

*Southern State Community College joins forces with Schneider*

To help encourage and promote careers in truck driving, Schneider—one of the nation’s largest truckload carriers—is offering a Contract Training Program in conjunction with Southern State Community College’s Truck Driving Academy (TDA). This new program is offered at Southern State’s 17 TDA training facilities across southern Ohio.

Schneider will cover the program’s cost for students seeking a Class A commercial driver’s license (CDL). The program covers instruction, behind-the-wheel driver training with instructors, licensing, and all endorsements. Candidates will go through a preapproval process and Schneider will cover the tuition upon successful completion of the program. In total, the program takes 160 hours to complete in a standard Monday through Friday, four-week schedule.

“Schneider has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with Southern State Community College and we’ve hired many of their graduates over the years,” said Rob Reich, senior vice president at Schneider. “Their training meets the highest standards and prepares graduates for the industry.”

SSCC’s Truck Driving Academy offers driver training facilities in Athens, Clinton, Hamilton, Jefferson, Meigs, Perry, Pike, Ross, and Warren counties.

“We have a strong Truck Driving Academy, and providing this opportunity with Schneider will only make it stronger,” said John Joy, SSCC Dean of Workforce Development and Community Service. “Offering these incentives up front puts students on the fast-track to a long and successful career.”

Schneider employs and leases more than 795 drivers and owner-operators throughout the state of Ohio and is currently hiring statewide.

“We are committed to investing in the residents of the area and providing new careers,” said Reich. “Schneider’s business is growing, especially in Ohio. We are putting our money where our mouth is to develop and hire new drivers to meet our customer’s needs.”

Successful graduates will find many different career opportunities at Schneider to meet any new driver’s work/lifestyle balance needs. Graduates can choose from opportunities in Schneider’s Van, Dedicated, Team Expedited, Tanker and Intermodal divisions. More than 90 percent of Schneider’s Regional drivers get home weekly and 70 percent of the entire fleet gets home weekly or more. Graduates can earn up to \$51,000 in their first year with Schneider and over \$71,000 per year within three years.

In addition to the Contract Training program Schneider offers to SSCC and select other community college graduates, it also offers a Tuition Reimbursement program for graduates at truck driving schools.

Interested candidates can contact Schneider at 877-872-1766 or apply online at [www.schneiderjobs.com](http://www.schneiderjobs.com) (select “Driving School Programs” and complete the pre-approval form to get started). Candidates can also contact Southern State Community College at 800-344-6058, ext. 4560.

### **About Schneider**

One of the largest truckload carriers in North America, Schneider has been the top choice of safety-minded drivers for nearly 80 years. With over 75 percent of its drivers getting home weekly or better, Schneider provides professional opportunities that meet the work-life balance needs of today’s drivers and owner-operators.

Schneider is a \$3.6 billion company and is ranked a top-paying carrier by the National Transportation Institute while being nationally recognized for its support of current and former military personnel. For more information about Schneider career opportunities, visit [www.schneiderjobs.com](http://www.schneiderjobs.com). You can also connect with Schneider on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/jobsatschneider](http://www.facebook.com/jobsatschneider) or follow on Twitter @schneiderjobs.

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