Consumer Information Statement

Huntsville Students in the Revised Second Chance Pell Experiment (34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(vi))

If a program under the Revised Second Chance Pell experiment is designed to meet educational requirements for a specific professional license or certification that is required for employment in an occupation (as described in 34 CFR 668.236(a)(7) and (8)), the institution must disclose information to students regarding whether that occupation typically involves State or Federal prohibitions of the licensure or employment of formerly incarcerated individuals. In addition, the college must disclose to interested students information about the options available for incarcerated students to complete any remaining program requirements post-release; and inform students of the academic and financial options available if they are not able to complete the academic program while incarcerated. This includes explaining how the students can continue in the program after release, transfer credits earned in the program to another program offered by the institution, or transfer credits earned in the program to another program institution.

Consumer Information page for Commercial Truck Driving

Licensure: Employment as a commercial truck driver in Texas requires a Commercial Truck Driver License (CDL) issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety. There are no restrictions against current or formerly incarcerated individuals obtaining these state licenses.

CDL in Texas has the following requirements:

- Minimum age of 18 for driving within Texas.
- Minimum age of 21 for driving across state lines and the country.
- Have a valid Texas driver's license.
- Have a Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) 14 days prior to taking the CDL test.
- Complete Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) from an FMCSA (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration) approved program. <u>ACE Driving Academy</u> is an FMCSA registered provider.
- Pass a three-part driving test in the commercial vehicle for which you're applying to drive.
- Provide documentation of identity.
- Be fingerprinted.
- Pass a vision test.

Certification: There are no certifications associated with this program.

Options to Complete the Commercial Truck Driving Program Post-Release: Students who do not finish their program while they are incarcerated and wish to complete their remaining program requirements post-release have many options. There are several Texas community colleges that offer Commercial Trucking Driving programs, including Houston Community College and Lone Star College. A current list of Texas community colleges offering Commercial Truck Driving (or any other program) can be found by googling "THECB Program Inventory." All Texas community colleges accept transfer credits from other Texas community colleges, and they all use the same course numbering system, so transferring courses from one community college to another is straightforward.

Financial Options to Complete the Commercial Truck Driving Program Post-Release: Students who wish to complete their remaining program requirements post-release have several financial options. Lee College, like all Texas community colleges, provides financial assistance including Pell Grants, Texas Equal Opportunity Grants (TEOG), Texas Public Education Grants (TPEG), and other financial aid programs. In addition, Lee College and most other Texas community colleges provide payment plans to help students budget their payments.