



**Ancora Education Selected by Patrick & Henry  
Community College to Manage School's CDL Training Program**

**MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA (August 19, 2022)** — According to Indeed.com, there are an estimated [8,000 truck driving positions](#) available in the state of Virginia. Understanding the current demand for drivers, Patrick & Henry Community College in Henry County recently secured Ancora Education to manage the school's CDL training program in Martinsville, Virginia.

"It is an honor to manage Patrick & Henry's CDL new training program and to help students take advantage of the employment opportunities now available in the trucking industry," said Jeffrey Burkhardt, Ancora Education's Senior Director of Operations, Commercial Driver Training. "We are grateful to the College for the trust they have placed in Ancora. We look forward to a great partnership in helping people take the first step towards a successful career in truck driving."

After completing the CDL training program, students can earn their commercial driving license, potentially leading to an in-demand, well-paying career in as little as four weeks. The average starting salary for a licensed CDL driver in Virginia is more than \$63,000.

"It was important for Patrick & Henry to provide a respected CDL training program for the communities we serve. By managing our CDL program, Ancora will provide a depth of knowledge that comes with being a top CDL training provider and will go a long way in helping our instructors and staff be successful," said Dr. Greg Hodges, President of Patrick & Henry. "This is the right time to boost our program so students can immediately step into an in-demand field that offers exceptional flexibility and benefits," added Rhonda Hodges (no relation), Vice President of Workforce, Economic, and Community Development. "With funding from Fast Forward, the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission, and the West Piedmont Workforce Development Board, many students can complete the program for little to no cost to the family."

Based in Arlington, Texas, Ancora Education is one of the largest corporate training providers in the marketplace.

**ABOUT ANCORA EDUCATION**

Ancora Education is a Texas-based group of private, post-secondary schools in convenient locations throughout Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. Ancora Education specializes in allied health, wellness, nursing, IT, business and management, CDL truck driving, professional trades, security, skilled trades, and art and design. Ancora

brands include Ancora Education, Arizona Automotive Institute (AAI), Berks Technical Institute (BTI), Edge Tech Academy, McCann School of Business & Technology, Miller-Motte College (MMC) and South Texas Vocational Technical Institute (STVT).

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#### **ABOUT PATRICK & HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Patrick & Henry Community College is a comprehensive two-year institution serving Martinsville city and Patrick and Henry counties. P&HCC is a leader among community colleges in areas such as athletics, technology, and unique program offerings. By providing innovative curricula such as motorsports, entrepreneurship, and mechatronics, P&HCC changes lives and enriches the community. P&HCC is an EEO institution.

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