

FAQ For CNG Adult Continuing Educational Courses

What do I need to do to prepare for the courses: both courses are introductory in nature and therefore present and review all of the base information required. Experience in automotive or diesel technology is helpful, but not required.

Who developed the course curriculum: FCTC is a member of the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium (NAFTC). The NAFTC is based at the West Virginia University, and working with stakeholders nationwide has developed a thoroughly researched, instructionally sound, easily applied alternative fuels training programs. The NAFTC was founded through a grant from the EPA and serves as a training outreach arm in support of Clean Cities Coalitions. The NAFTC is the only nationwide alternative fuel vehicle and advanced technology vehicle training organization in the United States.

Who are the instructors? FCTC automotive and diesel instructors who are certified as Alternative Fuels instructors by the NAFTC. Guest instructors teach some FCTC classes: such as Mark Schmidt, National Training Instructor of the NAFTC and Kenny Adams, Instructor Automotive/CNG at Lively Technical Center in Tallahassee, FL. Various companies provide instructors on specific subject matter: such as Swagelok (high pressure gas lines and fittings) and Coastal Alternative Fuel Systems (CNG vehicle conversions).

Can I take one course at a time? Yes, the first three days of the five-day hands-on course is **Light-duty Natural Gas Vehicles**, which provides an introduction to and working knowledge of CNG that will extend to med and heavy duty vehicles. The cost for this course is \$1,200.00 dollars. It is highly recommended that students complete this course before taking **Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Fuel System Inspector**. The Fuel System Inspector course is a two-day course, which cost \$800.00 dollars. Taking both courses during the same week gives the student a 10% discount.

How do I become a certified CNG fuel system Inspector? To become a certified CNG Fuel System Inspector the student must pass the CSA International standardized certification test for cylinder inspection. CSA International is a recognized certification and standards organization. These courses along with study will help prepare the student for the certification exam which can be taken at FCTC. The cost of the exam is \$410.00 dollars (CSA Application & Exam Fee). For more information visit the CSA Group web site: <http://www.csagroup.org>.

When can I take the CSA exam? This exam can be schedule at the FCTC testing center. Students can take the exam during scheduled times offered at the FCTC testing center following the thirty day period after completing the five-day course schedule. While students can take the exam without taking FCTC's alternative fuel classes, it is highly recommended that the student complete the courses, use the study material provided, which should be reviewed over several weeks before sitting for the exam. The FCTC testing center manager will provide information on scheduled CSA exams sometime during the week.

What is the refund policy for short term courses? If tuition and fees are collected in advance of the start date of class and the student does not begin class but gives at least 48 hours' notice, a full refund will be given less the registration fee (\$10). If a student fails to give proper notice, no refund shall be given. The enrollment may be rolled over to the next available class with written notice from the student.