

# Transportation

Learning Inventory of Skills Training

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# BASIC:

## 1. Knows the different types of transportation available:

There are many ways to travel to get anywhere you want to go. walk, bicycle, drive a car, take a bus, train, taxi, boat or plane. people use public transportation each day, and it is a cost-way to travel.

There are many types of public transportation available. In the area, the two major ones available are the CT Transit System and There are also taxis, cheaper ones called Uber and Lyft.



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Hartford CT FastTrack. including

## Local Transportation Options:

### *CT Transit:*

Transit is a local bus route that connects neighborhoods with major urban centers such as malls and hospitals.

- CT Transit Hartford operates over 30 local and 12 express routes.
- CT Transit Hartford makes connections with Middletown and New Britain transit systems.
- Many routes operate 7 days a week (including holidays) in 26 towns in the Capital region.
- Local service busses make many stops. They stop every 2-3 blocks along the route.
- Bus fares are different depending where you need to go. Tickets can be purchased for one or multiple rides, or hourly/daily passes. EXACT BUS FARE MUST BE READY BEFORE YOU BOARD THE BUS! <https://www.cttransit.com/>



### ***FastTrack:***

FastTrack is a Bus Rapid Transit system that makes traveling faster from Waterbury, Cheshire, Southington, Bristol, Plainville, New Britain, Newington, West Hartford, Hartford, and Manchester. They use routes with bus-only CT-FastTrack roadways which are special lanes to reduce traffic.

- Services are provided by the CT transit Hartford Division.
- It offers a one-seat, one stop (no transfer) ride to malls, shopping centers, colleges, and healthcare facilities.
- It provides direct service to and from Waterbury, Cheshire, Southington, Bristol, Plainville, New Britain, Newington, West Hartford, Hartford and Manchester with routes that take advantage of the bus-only CTfastrak roadway. They also have connection routes to the New Haven Line, Waterbury Branch Rail, and Amtrak services in Hartford.
- Riders must buy the FastTrack fair from machines on platforms.  
<https://www.cttransit.com/services/ctfastrak>



### ***Regional Bus Travel:***

To travel out of the state, visit this website for additional bus services. A few popular companies are Peter Pan and Greyhound.

This website below can link you to various bus companies for out of state bus rides. [http://campustravel.com/flights\\_rail\\_bus/domestic\\_rail\\_bus.html](http://campustravel.com/flights_rail_bus/domestic_rail_bus.html)

### ***U-Pass CT:***

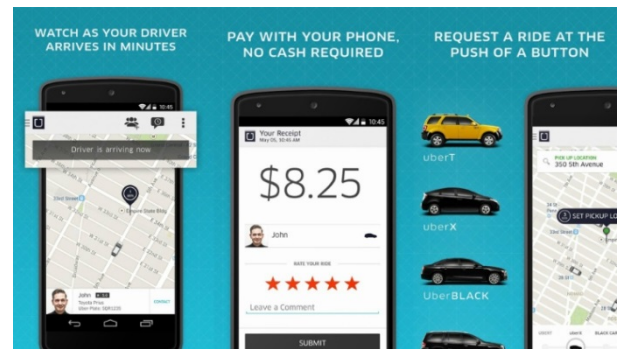
Schools participating U-Pass CT allows students to ride busses and trains. The cost of the program is included in student fees. <http://ctrides.com/u-pass>

### ***Taxi:***

- There are taxi companies that can get you anywhere you need to go, but they are significantly more expensive than riding the bus.
- Some companies include Yellow Cab, and Ace Taxi. Many taxi companies are accessible via phone or internet. Cab rides can be reserved online, or through telephone.
- Typically, it costs only a few dollars to “start the meter” when they initially pick you up, and each additional mile also costs a few dollars. <http://www.theyellowcab.com/>

### **UBER and LYFT:**

- These companies have independently employed drivers that are similar to taxi services, but significantly less expensive. You must be able to access the companies through an app on a smartphone device, and a credit card is required to pay for a ride.
- For an Uber ride visit this website on a local computer with internet access, or download the app onto your smart phone: <https://get.uber.com/>



### **Medical Transportation Options:**

#### ***Paratransit/ADA Bus Services:***

- Anyone who has a disability, according to the Americans with Disabilities Act, are provided with bus services who cannot take the local bus system due to their disability.
- Visit this website to locate your district transit: <http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=1390&q=305316>

#### ***Logisticare:***

- Logisticare is a company serving people with non-emergency medical needs in CT. This is strictly for Husky A, C, and D members who may qualify for assistance with rides to and from medical appointments, gas reimbursement, and door-to-door delivery. <http://www.logisticare.com/transportation/>

#### ***Freedom Ride:***

- Freedom ride is a reduced Yellow Cab taxi service program for ADA eligible passengers, specifically for elderly and disabled passengers. It cost \$25 initially, and then offers a 50% discount compared to the normal taxi prices.
- Personal care attendants ride for free,
- To access the program and apply online visit: <http://www.hartfordtransit.org/freedom-ride.html>. You must be registered with Greater Hartford Transit District to use the program.
- Call Yellow Cab Freedom Ride services towns such as Bloomfield, East Hartford, East Windsor, Enfield, Farmington, Granby, Hartford, Manchester, New Britain, Newington, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, South Windsor, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks.



### ***Trains:***

- There are several local rail service providers in CT, including:
  - Shore Line East- transportation between New London and New Haven
  - New Haven Line- A Metro North Railroad operated line from New Haven, down the shore of CT and NY, and ends in Grand Central Station in NYC.
  - Amtrak- Shuttle service operating 7 days a week between New Haven and Springfield, MA, with several stops through CT to MA.

[https://www.amtrak.com/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=am/am2Station/Station\\_Page&code=HF](https://www.amtrak.com/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=am/am2Station/Station_Page&code=HF)  
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### ***CT Rail***

- A new passenger rail service was launched in June 2018 that combines Amtrak and Hartford line trains
- Increases weekday round-trip service between New Haven and Springfield, New Haven and Hartford, and Hartford and Springfield
- Children under 2 ride free, and children between 2-12 can ride for \$1

[www.nhhsrail.com](http://www.nhhsrail.com)

Plan your trip and get more info at: <http://www.hartfordline.com>



## 2. Knows the nearest public bus stop to your home:

The fastest way to find the closest bus stop/route from your home will be on the CT Transit website. <https://www.cttransit.com/>

You can also call the Hartford offices to get more information if you do not have internet access at: **860-525-9181**

### ***Follow these steps to locate the nearest bus stop closest to your home:***

1. Access a computer with internet access and visit the CT Transit website at <https://www.cttransit.com/>
  2. On the CT Transit homepage, there is a trip planner located on the top of the page.
  3. On the Trip Planner page you can enter your address, or any address, in the green "From" box. For practice, choose a place you are likely to go to locate how to access a bus stop closes to you. Choose a fake date and time in the green calendar and time boxes.
  4. Click the box that shows the shortest amount of time to get the location, and click the link to enter the bus route directions and information. The link says "View this trip plan on Google Maps."
  5. Google Maps will also give you step by step directions to locate your local bus stop, and how to the desired location. The directions can be printed, or accessed through a smart phone.
- Every bus will have their specific route on paper that can be accessed on the bus, or on their website: <https://www.cttransit.com/services/local-service#route-hartford>
  - Each bus also has a specific route. For the bus system map in the Hartford area you can locate the link on this website under "System Maps" under transit services, or go directly to this website. It depicts all the bus routes in the Hartford area. [https://www.cttransit.com/sites/default/files/maps/division/hartford\\_localsys\\_2016\\_0.pdf](https://www.cttransit.com/sites/default/files/maps/division/hartford_localsys_2016_0.pdf)
  - The busses have a specific number on the digital screen on the front and back of the bus, indicating their specific route (such as 46 Vine St- Downtown) so that it is easy to distinguish if you are on the correct route number and name.



### 3. Knows the amount of money required for bus fare:

- Fare payment is easy on CT transit buses with cash, ticket and pass options
- Exact Fare Required - Fares Subject to Change

Note: Bus Operators and fareboxes do not make change. Fareboxes accept \$1 bills and U.S coins only. Do not deposit \$5, \$10 or \$20 bills. EXACT BUS FARE MUST BE READY BEFORE YOU BOARD THE BUS!

If you do not have exact change, they will take whatever you have and you will get **NO CHANGE BACK!**

#### Local Service Fares:

(Fares as of 7/23/18. Check website for updated changes periodically. <https://www.cttransit.com/fares>)

<b>NORMAL PRICED FARE:</b>	<b>FARE:</b>
2-Hour Pass	\$1.75
Children (maximum 3 per each adult) under age 4	FREE
All-Day Pass (purchased on bus-tell bus operator you wish to buy one before depositing money)	\$3.50
31 Day Pass	\$63.00

<b>YOUTH PRICED FARE (5-18):</b>	<b>FARE:</b>
2-Hour Pass	\$1.40
All-Day Pass	\$2.80

<b>MEDICARE CARD (for seniors and persons with a disability) Reduced Fare ID card must be shown!</b>	<b>FARE:</b>
2-Hour Pass	\$.85
All-Day Passes	\$1.70
31 Day Pass	\$30.60

To speed up boarding, CT *FastTrack* requires riders to pay prior to boarding the bus. So when the bus pulls up to the station platform, all doors open and riders can simply walk on board the bus. No need to wait at the farebox to put your money in the farebox.

Local fares on CT FastTrack are the same as CT transit buses:

- \$1.75 allows you to ride as many times as you want for 2-hours with free transfers to other local buses.
- \$0.85 for seniors (age 65 and older) and people with disabilities (proper ID required).
- Express fares on CT FastTrack are distance based, or “zone” based cost. Zone one is closest to Hartford, and the least expensive to ride. As you increase into each zone, it is further away from Hartford and
- Zones are based upon the distances from Hartford. The zones are as follows:

ZONE 2	Avon, Farmington, New Britain, Manchester, Glastonbury, Windsor Locks, Cromwell, Newington, Unionville, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, Marlborough, Poquonock
ZONE 3	Canton, Enfield, Granby, Simsbury, Rocky Hill, Tolland, Vernon, Andover, Coventry, Meriden, Middletown, Bristol, Southington
ZONE 4	Colchester, Mansfield, Columbia, Cheshire, Waterbury, Barkhamstead, Torrington,
ZONE 5	North Haven, Essex, Old Saybrook

<http://ctfastrak.com/how-to-ride/fares>



## **4. Knows the importance of being on time for rides to appointments, etc.**

### **If you are late for rides, you could...**

- Miss your bus, Uber, or taxi completely
- Miss or be too late for a scheduled appointment
- Be charged for a missed appointment (many doctors will charge you if you do not call ahead/do not show up for a scheduled appointment)
- Not be able to be seen at a doctor or professional's office again if they have a policy about missing or being late to appointments

### **Helpful ways to make sure you are on time for rides:**

- Write all of your appointments down somewhere where you will see them!
- Use a watch and/or a clock so you always know what time it is
- Set an alarm to make sure you wake up on time for morning appointments
- Set an alarm on your phone to remind you to be outside for your ride
- Go to bed at a reasonable time the night before, so that you aren't too tired and sleep through your ride/appointment
- Shower and pick out clothes the night before to save time in the morning
- Tell a reliable friend when your appointment is and ask them to remind you the day before

### **If you miss an appointment by accident or if you know you can't make it – call them!**

It is always best to call the office where you missed an appointment at to apologize and see if they will reschedule. Same thing goes for being late- anyone would appreciate the head's up. Call them as soon as you realize that you missed/will miss an appointment and an apology will go a long way!