

Southeastern Pupil Transportation College (SPTC)

The Southeastern Pupil Transportation College (SPTC) is more than a series of classes—it is a comprehensive, structured professional development pathway designed specifically for pupil transportation leaders. In an era where school transportation departments face increasing operational, regulatory, safety, and personnel challenges, SPTC provides school administrators with a reliable, proven system to develop highly skilled transportation professionals from within their own organizations.

At the core of SPTC is a 90-hour structured curriculum culminating in a Bachelor of Arts Degree for the Pupil Transportation Professional Official. The SPTC BA is a structured, association-based professional degree designed specifically for leaders in school transportation. While not a regionally accredited college program, the BA designation represents the successful completion of a rigorous curriculum delivered over a four-year period. Rather than a collection of unrelated workshops, it is a carefully sequenced course of study that builds advanced competency in leadership, safety management, regulatory compliance, budgeting, personnel supervision, fleet operations, and emerging industry practices.

The program is intentionally designed to be accessible and achievable for working professionals. Coursework is delivered through:

- Instruction at GAPT Conferences
- Regional class offerings across the state throughout the year
- Online learning opportunities

This blended format allows students to complete degree requirements within a four-year period while continuing to serve their school districts full-time—immediately applying what they learn to strengthen daily operations.

For school administrators, the value is clear: SPTC develops confident, knowledgeable transportation leaders equipped to manage complex departments, improve operational efficiency, strengthen safety culture, and safeguard district resources. The depth, structure, and industry-specific focus of this program provide professional development opportunities not easily found elsewhere in the field of pupil transportation.

In addition to the degree pathway, SPTC offers advanced course opportunities designed to enhance the skills of seasoned transportation officials. These specialized courses allow experienced leaders to remain current with evolving regulations, emerging technologies, alternative fuel initiatives, risk management practices, and modern leadership strategies—ensuring continuous growth at every stage of a transportation professional's career.

SPTC represents a long-term investment in leadership, safety, and operational excellence for school transportation departments across our region.