

MCAT Travel Training

Giving you the Skill,
Confidence
and
Independence
You need to go.

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MCAT Fixed Route Travel Training



Pictured above: The MCAT Travel Trainer at an accessible passenger shelter, awaiting the arrival of an MCAT bus. Each passenger shelter is wheelchair accessible, provides route schedules, seating, and solar lighting.

What is TRAVEL TRAINING?

Travel Training is tailored, personalized instruction on how to use the fixed route bus system. Most importantly, this training is free and customized to meet each individual's specific needs.



Pictured above: The MCAT Travel Trainer at a bus stop, assisting a client.

What are the initial travel training steps?

- The Travel Trainer will meet you at your home, conduct a travel needs assessment, and craft a personalized plan.
- The Travel Trainer will accompany you on the bus, and throughout your entire travel training experience. Training is self-paced, so take all the time you need, and ask all the questions you need answered.



Pictured above: The deployment of a wheelchair accessible boarding ramp on an MCAT bus. The wheelchair ramp on the bus or trolley combined with accessible bus stop features, provides seamless travel for people with

What will an individual learn during travel training?:

- Understanding Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT) Service Area, Route Maps, Route Schedules, and the new Transit Technology.
- How to plan bus trips and ride the necessary bus routes.
- How to pay fares and purchase bus passes, including the "cashless" Mobile Ticketing fare option.
- Prepare for the "what ifs" and other concerns.
- Develop the skills necessary to independently ride the bus with confidence.

Why is Travel Training Important for the Community?

- **Independence:** Passengers enjoy the freedom of traveling safely on wheelchair accessible MCAT buses and trolleys throughout the Manatee County service area for all travel needs.
- **Accessibility:** The MCAT bus stops include concrete boarding pads and accessibility features, with passenger seating at bus stops. All buses and trolleys include bike racks for intermodal travel.
- **New, State-of-the-Art Technology:**
 - 1) Automated onboard bus stop announcements, including identification of area destinations on every bus and trolley.
 - 2) The new QUANTUM automated wheelchair securement system ensures complete safety during transport, and expedites passenger boarding and alighting.
 - 3) Predictive Real-Time Bus (arrival) Information, including passenger text alerts, is now available, along with the cashless Mobile Ticketing Fare option.
- **Affordability:** The Public Transportation fare structure provides a variety of fare options to meet an individual's travel needs and budget.

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