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SHORT LINE TRAINING CENTER

The Short Line Training Center is a collaborative project created by the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA) and Iowa Northern Railway Company (IANR), with funding support provided by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). This comprehensive training program for short line railroads combines an online Learning Management System (LMS) and Locomotive Simulators to deliver essential regulatory, compliance and safety courses and materials to railroad employees.

Learning Management System

The Learning Management System (LMS) is an online platform/hub for short lines to access a custom-built suite of railroad industry training programs, interactive coursework and assessment materials, available 24/7 at the click of a mouse.

Participating railroads enroll users, assign courses, track progress and manage team reports through an intuitive Admin dashboard, while employees access assigned training via a Learner dashboard that is customized with railroad-specific branding and tailored messaging. Admins may also upload individual employee on-the-job training records to fully leverage the platform's training, record keeping and reporting capabilities.

Programming currently includes ASLRRRA's 22 Part 243 model programs, plus FRA Drug and Alcohol Reasonable Suspicion and Post-Accident Toxicological Testing training courses. Railroads may also access 30+ technical training courses as they are launched, with Designated Supervisor of Locomotive Engineers (DSLE), General Code of Operating Rules (GCOR), and HazMat training currently under development.



Locomotive Simulator Training

Locomotive Simulator Training can be used to assist railroads in meeting a wide range of training and regulatory requirements, from basic train handling, positive train control and distributed power operations to Part 240 annual check rides and certification skill performance evaluations. Training is available to short line railroads at their location via the Mobile Technical Training Center, which is equipped to deliver personalized, instructor-led seminars and locomotive simulator training to railroad employees on site, minimizing staff downtime and eliminating travel costs. The Mobile Technical Training Center can travel anywhere in the continental U.S. and houses two FRA Type II locomotive simulators and classroom space to accommodate up to six students.

Training is also provided at Iowa Northern Railway's Training Center in Waterloo, Iowa, where attendees have access to four FRA Type II locomotive simulators and full classroom facilities for up to 30 students.



For more info, visit ASLRRA.org/education/short-line-training-center