



Automotive Technician Program Description

Industry Description

The ability to make a quick and accurate diagnosis is one of the technician's most valuable skills. It requires good reasoning ability, as well as a thorough knowledge of automobiles. The technician may be required to determine serviceability, find specifications and service procedures in manuals and technical literature, repair or replace parts, give estimates of repair, and communicate with customers and trade personnel. Most technicians perform a variety of repairs; however, some will specialize. Areas of specialization may include chassis service, drive train service, engine overhaul, fuel delivery and electrical system service, and air conditioning service. Other related areas may include merchandising, service/sales, and manufacturing representatives.

Wages/Outlook/Advancement

Wage information is available from the Minnesota Department of Education and the [Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development](#)

Beginners who learn on the job usually start as trainees or mechanics' helpers. Within a few months, they perform many routine service tasks and make simple repairs. It usually takes two to five years of on-the-job training to become a journey-level mechanic. This means that a mechanic is skilled enough to perform difficult repairs. However, graduates of college training programs are often able to advance to the journey level after only a few months on the job.

With an additional year of training, journey-level mechanics can specialize in a difficult area, such as transmission repair. However, they can specialize in areas that do not require all-around knowledge of auto repair in less time.

Experienced mechanics with leadership ability sometimes advance to shop supervisor or service manager. Those who work well with customers may become service estimators. Some open their own repair shops.

Program Description

The Automotive Technician Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) degree program includes technical and general education components. This degree provides the skills for trade entry plus the possibility to pursue a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree with cooperating colleges and universities.

Students must be 18 years old for the automotive program due to the internship requirements, so that the automotive shop sites can insure you. Students must also possess a current valid driver's license.

IMPORTANT ACCUPLACER Test Requirement: ACCUPLACER testing in math, reading and writing. Any needed developmental courses must be completed before receiving a diploma or an A.A.S. award.

Length of Program

Automotive Technician	Associate of Applied Science	71 credits
Automotive Technician	Diploma	60 credits

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Start Dates

Fall Semester: August

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General Education 18 Credits

ENGL1105	Composition I	4
MATH1500	Mathematical Ideas	3
PSYC1505	General Psychology	4
SOSC2000	Sociology of Work	4
SPCH1200	Interpersonal Communications	3

Technical Education 53 Credits

AUTO1010	General Automotive Service	2
AUTO1166	Vehicle Electronics	3
AUTO2005	Supervised Internship I	2
AUTO2006	Supervised Internship II	2
AUTO2007	Supervised Internship III	2
AUTO2113	Engine Repair and Service	5
AUTO2123	Automatic Transmission Condition	5
AUTO2135	Manual Drive Train System and Service	4
AUTO2145	Suspension and Steering System Service	4
AUTO2155	Brake System and Service	5
AUTO2164	Chassis Electrical Systems	3
AUTO2166	Starting and Charging Systems	2
AUTO2175	Automotive Climate Control	4
AUTO2183	Fuel and Ignition Management Systems	6
AUTO2187	Automotive Computer Systems and Drive-ability	4

AUTO1000 level courses do not require a prerequisite. AUTO2000 level courses require AUTO1010 and AUTO1166 or instructor approval as prerequisites or taken concurrently with other courses.

Automotive Technician Diploma

60 Credits

General Education

7 Credits

Seven General Education credits are required to earn a diploma as an Automotive Technician. Please set up an appointment and meet with your Program Advisor to identify required General Education Courses *prior* to registration.

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