

Fast Track To An
***Automotive
Technology
Career***

*at a
Community College*

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There are many paths to a career in automotive. Cerritos College offers the fast track to the training necessary for a successful future in automotive technology. Choose from many different tracks, such as classes in auto mechanical general service to specialized service such as drive train, cooling and heating, and electrical systems courses.



Why Choose a Career in Automotive?

The median wage in 2013 for automotive service technicians and mechanics was \$41,835 annually, or \$20.11 hourly. To start, you only need to have a high school diploma, although most employers prefer to hire employees who have completed a postsecondary vocational or community college automotive technician training program.

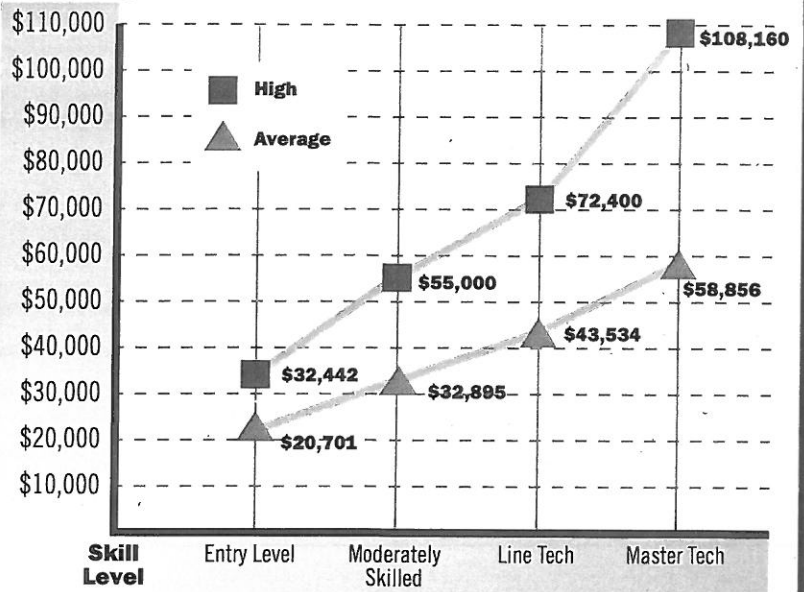
Program Highlights

Our programs are supported by a wide variety of partners from both the state, college, and private industry. Cerritos College offers specific Corporate programs to ready you for a career in the auto industry. Our corporate programs include well-known companies such as General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler, as well as Imports.

Southern California is a great place to start your career in the automotive industry. Southern California is home to over 500 new car dealerships, and in addition many corporate offices are located here, including BMW, Chrysler, Ford, General Motors, Hyundai, Isuzu, Kia, Mazda, Suzuki, Toyota, and others! Plus, career enhancement opportunities exist for all graduates to progress within the dealer organization, including as a Service Manager, Parts Manager, and Service Advisor to name just a few.

What Do Auto Technicians Earn?

Average Wage



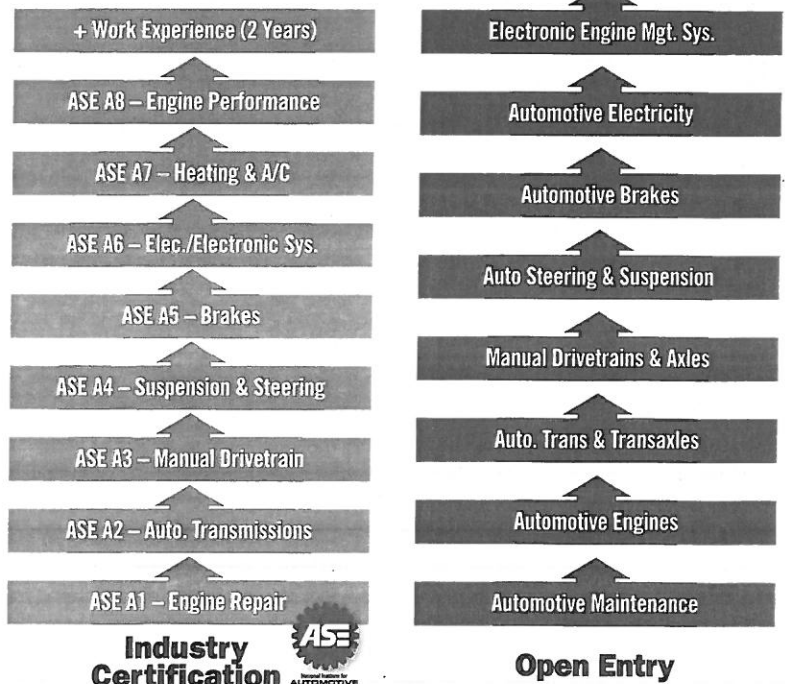
Auto Technician Education

Bachelor of Arts Degree

(Includes Major Requirements - Varies by University)

Associate Degree

(Includes General Education Classes)



Auto Technician Career Path

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Careers	Education Required	Salary Range
Manufacturer Corporate Employment	BA Degree Preferred/Required + Automotive Technical Degree/Certificate	\$78,000
General Manager Service Department	AA Degree in Business + Auto Management Classes + Auto/Technical Background	\$55,000
Service Writer	AA Degree in Business + Auto Management Classes + Auto/Technical Background	\$38,000
Senior Tech	ASE Certified Master Tech + AA Degree in Automotive Technology	\$29,000
Tech	ASE Certifications + Auto Technology Certificate	24,000
Entry Level	Quick Service Installer Program or Auto 100	

KNOWLEDGE

Do you like?

- Mechanical Repairs
- Customer Service
- New Technologies
- Working with Computers

Qualifications

For anyone planning ahead for a career in automotive technology, students are advised to take courses in English, mathematics, computer technology, electronics, physics, and auto and machine shop. To be successful, a high degree of mechanical ability as well as customer and personal service, engineering and technology knowledge, and critical thinking are necessary, as well as manual dexterity, auditory attention, and visualization.

Wondering How To Get Started?

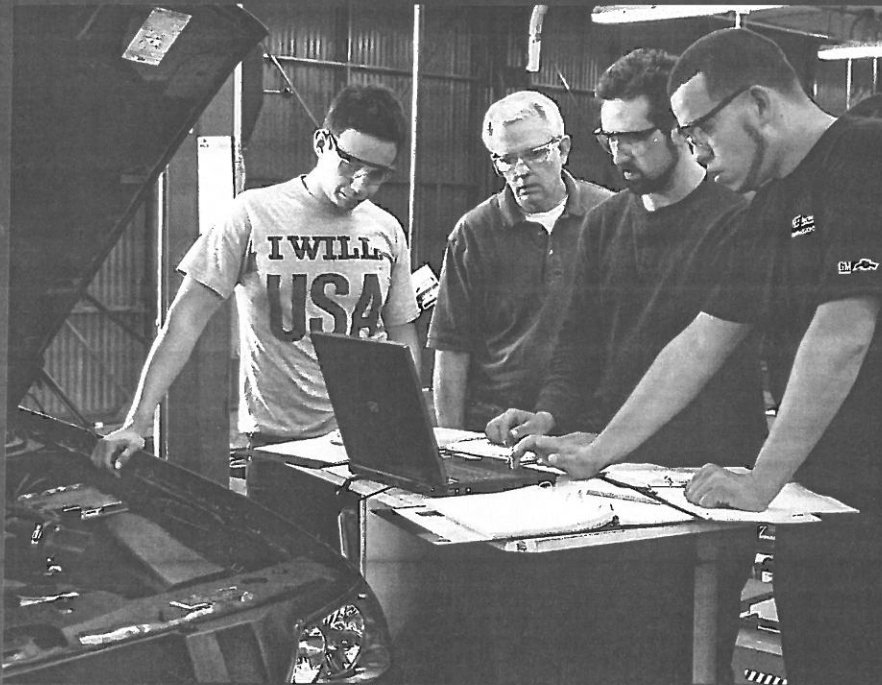
We offer a variety of automotive certificates, and can help you on your way to achieving an AA degree as well with the addition of a few general education classes. Just pick your path and choose between day or night classes! Many certificates can be finished within a year, and financial aid and scholarships are available.

Automotive Information Links:

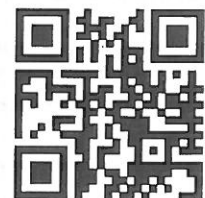
Automotive Youth Educational Systems
<http://www.ayes.org/>

National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation
<http://www.natef.org/>

National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence
<http://www.ase.com/>



Entry-level employees learn and practice their skills by working with experienced Technicians.



Your career path in the automotive department at any community college can be exciting and rewarding. Check out these local Southern California colleges located in Los Angeles and Orange County for more information on how to begin your successful career in the automotive industry.

Cerritos College

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Norwalk, CA 90650

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www.cerritos.edu/auto

PROGRAMS:

NATEF Master Certified • Ford – ASSET • Chrysler – CAP • General Motors – ASEP • IMPCO – Gaseous Fuels • Import Technician Training Program – ITP • Certificates of Achievement in: General Technician, Engine/Machining Technology, Electrical/Diagnosis Technician, Mfg. Specialty, Alternative Fuels • A.A. Degree in Automotive Technology (Includes General Education) • Smog Certification • Diesel

Citrus College

1000 W. Foothill Blvd.
Glendora, CA 91741

CONTACT:

Dr. Jim Lancaster, Dean
(626) 852-6403

www.citrus-auto.com

PROGRAMS:

NATEF Master Certification • Toyota Technician Training & Education Network (T-TEN) • Snap-On/NC3 • A.S. Degree in: Automotive Technology; Medium and Heavy Diesel Truck Technology • Certificates and Skill Awards: Master Technician; Toyota/Lexus/Scion Technician; Undercar/Drivetrain Specialist; under hood Specialist; Maintenance and Light Repair Technician; Automotive Research and Development; Medium and Heavy Diesel Truck Service, Diagnosis, and Repair Technician

Cypress College

9200 Valley View St.
Cypress, CA 90630

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PROGRAMS:

ASE NATEF Master Certified • Toyota/Lexus/Scion Sponsored Technician Training (T-TEN) • Certificate of Completion in Automotive Technology • A.A. Degree in Automotive Technology (Includes General Education)

East Los Angeles College

1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez
Monterey Park, CA 91754

CONTACT:

Adrian Banuelos, Chairperson
(213) 763-3901

www.elac.cc.ca.us

PROGRAMS:

NATEF Master Certified • Fast Track Automobile Technology Program (Short Term Classes) • Certificate of Achievement in: Automobile Technology, Cooling Systems and Climate, Control and Drivetrain Specialist, Engine Performance Drivability • A.S. Degree in Automotive Technology

El Camino College

15007 Crenshaw Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90506

CONTACT:

ITECH START Center
(310) 532-3670 ext. 6780

www.elcamino.edu/academics/indtech/autotech/

PROGRAMS:

Certificates of Achievement: Automotive Technician I; Automotive Technician II; Automotive Brake/Suspension, Transmission/Drive Train Technician; Automotive Engine Rebuilding and Repair Technician; and Automotive Tune-up Technician • Certificate of Accomplishment: Automotive Air Conditioning Technician; Automotive Brakes and Suspension Technician; Automotive Engine Rebuilding and Repair Technician; and Automotive Transmission and Drive Train Technician

Fullerton College

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Fullerton, CA 92832

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techneng.fullcoll.edu/automotive.html

PROGRAMS:

Level 1 and Level 2 Smog Inspector Certificate • Section 609 Certification: Mobile Air Conditioning Society Worldwide • A.S. Degree in Automotive Technology • Automatic Transmission Specialist; Automotive Management; Automotive Service Advisor Specialist; Automotive Technology Certificate; Chassis Specialist; Emission Control Specialist; Engine Performance Specialist; Fabrication Specialist; Light Repair Specialist; Maintenance Specialist; Manual Drive Train Specialist

Golden West College

15744 Golden West St.
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

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(714) 895-1002

PROGRAMS:

NATEF Master Certified • American Honda PACT

Program – Express Service and Maintenance, Light Repair • Degree Specialization in: Chassis and Drivetrain, Engine Performance and Emission • Certificate in Chassis and Drive Train; Engine Performance and Emissions; Light Duty Diesel Specialist; Electric Vehicle Specialist

Long Beach City College

1305 E. Pacific Coast Hwy.
Long Beach, CA 90806

CONTACT:

(562) 938-3277
attc.lbcc.edu

PROGRAMS:

Advanced Transportation Technology (ATT)

Los Angeles Trade Technical College

400 W. Washington Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90015

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<http://college.lattc.edu/transportation/>

PROGRAMS:

Student SAE • Snap-on DVOM • Snap-on Diagnostics • Snap-on Wheel Balance/Alignment • CCDET I – Periodic Smoke Inspection Program • CCDET II Diesel Exhaust After-treatment • S/P2 • MACS • I-CAR, NATEF certified • A.S. Degree in: Automotive and Related Technology; Diesel and Related Technology • Certificates in: Automotive and Related Technology; Automotive and Related Technology: Tune-up; Automotive and Related Technology: Transmission Repair; Diesel and Related Technology; Hybrid and Plug-in Electric Vehicle Technology

Pasadena City College

1570 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91106

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Wendy Lucko (626) 585-3266

www.pasadena.edu/divisions/engineering-tech/index.cfm

PROGRAMS:

NATEF Certification • A.S. Degree in Engineering Technologies Systems (Includes General Education) • Certificates of Achievement in: A/C Tech; All Automotive Systems; Electrical/Electronics Systems; Engine Performance Technician; Powertrain Technician; Undercar Technician; Underhood Technician

Pierce College

6201 Winnetka Ave.
Woodland Hills, CA 91371

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(818) 710-4320

www.piercecollege.edu/

PROGRAMS:

Certificate of Completion in: Auto Technology; Emissions Specialist; Light Service Tech;

Performance Applications; Powertrain Specialist • A.A. Degree in Automotive Technology (Includes General Education)

Rio Hondo College

3600 Workman Mill Rd.
Whittier, CA 90601

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Professor/Coordinator
(562) 463-7371

<http://www.riohondo.edu/career-and-technical-education/automotive-tech/>

PROGRAMS:

ASE/NATEF Certified Auto Tech Program (MAST-Level) • California Automotive Business Coalition's Automotive Technician Training Standards (ATTS) Certified Auto Tech Program (Level III) • Honda PACT Program • Smog Testing and Heavy Equipment Maintenance • B.S. Degree in: Automotive Technology • A.S. Degree in: Advanced Engine Performance, Automotive Technology, and Alternative Fuels and Advanced Transportation Technology • Certificate of Achievement in: Advanced Engine Performance/Technician; Alternative Fuels and Advanced Transportation Technology; Brake and Suspension Service; Diesel Fuel and Emissions Systems; Engine Repair; Transmissions Service; Fuel Injection Systems; General Automotive Service; General Service Technician; Safety/Comfort/Convenience Systems

Saddleback College

28000 Marguerite Parkway
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

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(949) 582-4996

<http://www.saddleback.edu/atas/autotech>

PROGRAMS:

State of California Bureau of Automotive Repair Certified Training Institution • A.S. Degree in: Automotive Technology • Certificate in: Alternative Fuel Vehicle Specialist; Automotive Chassis Specialist; Engine Service Specialist; Engine Performance Specialist; General Automotive Technician

Santa Ana College

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Santa Ana, CA 92706

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PROGRAMS:

A.A. Degree in: Automotive Technology (Includes General Education); Diesel Technology (Includes General Education) • Certificate of Proficiency in: Advanced Engine Performance; Automotive Business Technology; Automotive Technology; Chassis Service; Diesel Technology; Diesel and Heavy Equipment; Drive Train Service; Engine Performance and Electrical; Engine Service; Mid-Range Engine Service; Transport Refrigeration/Temperature Control; Transport Refrigeration