

Automotive Technology

Associate of Applied ScienceDiploma • Certificate

This sequence of programs, from certificate to diploma to the AAS degree, prepares you with the technical knowledge and skills to repair, service, and maintain all types of automobiles. The program includes instruction in brake systems, electrical systems, engine performance, engine repair, suspension and steering, automatic and manual transmissions and drive trains, alternative fuels and heating and air conditioning systems. In a highly-equipped, state-of-the-art lab/shop environment, delivered in a mix of hands-on training and theory, students may look forward to training in the following areas: Inspection, diagnosis and installation, troubleshooting, engine performance, high-tech diagnostic equipment, electrical components/fundamentals, engine installation, maintenance, customer service skills, computer database technical reference system, and shop safety.

Recommended Course Sequence for Completion in 2 Years • 2022-2024

Fall Semester 2022
ATMP 1209 Vehicle Service3
ATMP 1289 Scan Tools3
ATMP 1265 Chassis6
ATMP 1207 Basic Electricity3
Total Credits15
Spring Semester 2023
ATMP 1230 Engines
ATMP 1219 Brakes3
ATMP 1223 Engine Electrical and Accessories6
ATMP 1261 Alternative Fuels1
Total Credits16
Automotive Technology Certificate Earned!
Summer Semester 2023
General Education Electives2
MnTC Goal Area #14
Total Credits6
Fall Semester 2023
ATMP 1275 Electrical Diagnosis3
ATMP 1243 Drivetrain3
ATMP 1248 Automatic Transmission6
General Education Electives3
MnTC Goal Area 63
Total Credits

Spring Semester 2024 ATMP 1255 Fuel Systems

TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS	71
Total Credits	16
MnTC Goal Area 4	
ATMP 1222 Air Conditioning and Heating	V .3
ATMP 1281 General Shop	
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Automotive Technology Diploma and AAS Earned!

Career Outlook

The job market for automotive technicians is growing, and many job openings will be created by the need to replace retiring technicians. As a graduate of any level of the PTCC Automotive Technology program, you will learn the skills to place you in a competitive position to take advantage of this growth and opportunity. Most new job openings will be available in automobile dealerships and independent repair shops where most automobile service technicians currently work. Some employers report difficulty in finding workers with the right skills; however, PTCC graduates are well-equipped with the right mix of sought-after skills, including diagnostic and problem-solving abilities, electronics training, as well as computer skills and communication skills.

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