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Associate in Science (AS Degree)

Certificate of Achievement

41.5 Units

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Automotive Technology instructs students to use a systematic approach to select the proper method to diagnose, repair and test automotive systems. It is recommended that students who want additional insight into this field of study consider taking Welding (WEL) and Study Skills (VO1). As automotive technology becomes increasingly sophisticated, employers prefer technicians who have completed a formal training program in a post secondary institution such as Ventura College. Industry certification is usually required once the person is employed.

JOB TITLE	AVERAGE SALARY	PROJECTED JOBS	PROJECTED GROWTH
<p>Automotive Service Technician</p> <p>Automotive service technicians and mechanics inspect, maintain, and repair cars and light trucks. They demonstrate proficiency in the use of automotive diagnostic equipment to evaluate system performance and determine needed repairs, and practice safety in the repair and service associated with automotive systems.</p>	\$17.60/hr.-\$36,610	701,100	+9%
<p>Automotive Specialty Technician</p> <p>Automotive specialty technicians are skilled to repair a specific system or component on a vehicle, such as air conditioning, brakes, suspension, radiator, etc. They troubleshoot their specific area of expertise using electronic equipment and then make recommendations for optimization or repair.</p>	\$17.65/hr.-\$36,710	237,600	+8%-14%
<p>Expert Technician</p> <p>There is a significant shortage of Master Automotive Technicians. Expert technicians have at least two ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certifications and have completed the Toyota T-TEN required coursework at a program such as Ventura College Automotive. This certification is the basis needed to take additional courses needed to become a Master Automotive Technician certification paying up to \$75,000.00 yearly.</p>	\$25.00/hr.-\$52,000	212,090	+4.51%

