

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

11110 Alondra Blvd.  
Norwalk, CA 90650  
**Contact:** Dr. Nick Real, Dean  
(562) 860-2451 x3084  
[www.cerritos.edu/auto](http://www.cerritos.edu/auto)

**Programs:** Ford – ASSET • Chrysler – CAP • General Motors - ASEP • IMPCO – Gaseous Fuels • Import Technician Training Program - ITTP • Certificates of Achievement in: General Technician, Engine/Machining Technology, Electrical/Diagnosis Technician, Manufacturer Specialty • A.A. Degree in Automotive Technology (Includes General Education)

#### ■ Citrus College

1000 W. Foothill Blvd.  
Glendora, CA 91741  
**Contact:** Jim Lancaster, Dean  
(626) 852-6402  
[www.citrus-auto.com](http://www.citrus-auto.com)

**Programs:** Toyota/Lexus/Scion Sponsored Technician Training (T-TEN) • Technician's Education Cooperative (TEC) • High Performance Institute (HPI) • Motorcycle Technology • Medium and Heavy Truck Technology

#### ■ Cypress College

9200 Valley View St.  
Cypress, CA 90630  
**Contact:** John Alexander, Department Chair  
(714) 484-7231  
[jalexander@cypresscollege.edu](mailto:jalexander@cypresscollege.edu)

**Programs:** 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](http://www.elac.cc.ca.us)

**Programs:** NATEF Master Certified • Fast Track Automobile Technology Program (Short Term Classes) • Certificate of Achievement in Automobile Technology • A.S. Degree in Automotive Technology

#### ■ El Camino College

15007 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90506  
**Contact:** John Lewis or Harry Stockwell  
(310) 660-3593 x3303  
[www.elcamino.edu/academics/indtech/autotech/](http://www.elcamino.edu/academics/indtech/autotech/)

**Programs:** Certificate in Achievement in Automotive Technology

#### ■ Fullerton College

321 E. Chapman Ave.  
Fullerton, CA 92832  
**Contact:** Dave Lopez, Program Coordinator/  
Chairperson  
(714) 992-7119  
[techneng.fullcoll.edu/automotive.html](http://techneng.fullcoll.edu/automotive.html)

**Programs:** Vocational Certificate in Automotive Technology • A.S. Degree in Automotive Technology • Additional Skill Certificates

#### ■ Golden West College

15744 Golden West St.  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
**Contact:** John Kasabian, Department Chair  
(714) 895-8792

**Programs:** Certificate in Chassis and Drive Train • Certificate in Engine Performance and Emissions • A.A. Degree in Automotive Technology (Includes General Education)

#### ■ Long Beach City College

1305 E. Pacific Coast Hwy.  
Long Beach, CA 90806  
**Contact:** Cal Macy, Advanced Transportation  
Project Director  
(562) 938-3067  
[attc.lbcc.edu](http://attc.lbcc.edu)

**Programs:** Medium and Heavy Duty Alternative Fuels including LNG, CNG and Hybrid Technologies

#### ■ Los Angeles Trade Technical College

400 W. Washington Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90015  
**Contact:** Rudy Serrato  
(213) 763-3900  
[www.lattc.edu](http://www.lattc.edu)

**Programs:** Certificate of Achievement in Automotive Technology • Certificate of Achievement in Diesel Truck and Heavy Equipment • Certificate of Achievement in Body Work • Certificate of Achievement in Alternative Fuel and Hybrid Electric Plug-In

#### ■ Pasadena City College

1570 E. Colorado Blvd.  
Pasadena, CA 91106  
**Contact:** Anne Ostrander, Secretary  
(626) 585-7267  
[www.pasadena.edu/divisions/engineering-tech/index.cfm](http://www.pasadena.edu/divisions/engineering-tech/index.cfm)

**Programs:** Certificate of Achievement in: All Automotive Systems, Air Conditioning, Engine Performance, Powertrain, Underhood, Undercar • A.A. Degree in Automotive Technology (Includes General Education)

#### ■ Pierce College

6201 Winnetka Ave.  
Woodland Hills, CA 91371  
**Contact:** Tom Fortune, Department Chair  
(818) 710-4320  
[www.piercecollege.edu/](http://www.piercecollege.edu/)

**Programs:** Certificate of Completion in Automotive Technology • A.A. Degree in Automotive Technology (Includes General Education)

#### ■ Rio Hondo College

3600 Workman Mill Rd.  
Whittier, CA 90601  
**Contact:** Steve Tomory, Automotive Technology  
Director/Coordinator  
(562) 463-7371  
<http://www.riohondo.edu/tech/auto/generallnfo.htm>

**Programs:** American Honda PACT Program Smog Testing Technician • General Automotive Degree Program • Alternative Fuels Program Heavy Equipment Technology

#### ■ Saddleback College

28000 Marguerite Parkway  
Mission Viejo, CA 92692  
**Contact:** Clifford Meyer, Department Chair  
(949) 582-4996  
<http://www.saddleback.edu/atas/autotech>

**Programs:** Certificate in: Automotive Chassis Specialist, Automotive Engine Service Specialist, and Automotive Engine Performance Specialist • General Automotive Technician • Certificate in Alternative Fuel Vehicle Specialist • Smog Certification

#### ■ Santa Ana College

1530 West 17th St.  
Santa Ana, CA 92706  
**Contact:** Department Co-Chairs  
Glen Hammonds (714) 564-6664  
Doug Wilkes (714) 564-6667  
[www.sac.edu](http://www.sac.edu)

**Programs:** Certificate of Completion in: Automotive Technology, Diesel Technology, Transport Refrigeration • A.A. Degree in: Automotive Technology (Includes General Education), Diesel Technology (Includes General Education)



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# Earnings in Automotive Technology

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.

## SKILLS

- Are You Good At?
- Repairing Things
  - Problem Solving
  - Troubleshooting
  - Active Listening

## WHY CHOOSE A CAREER IN AUTOMOTIVE?

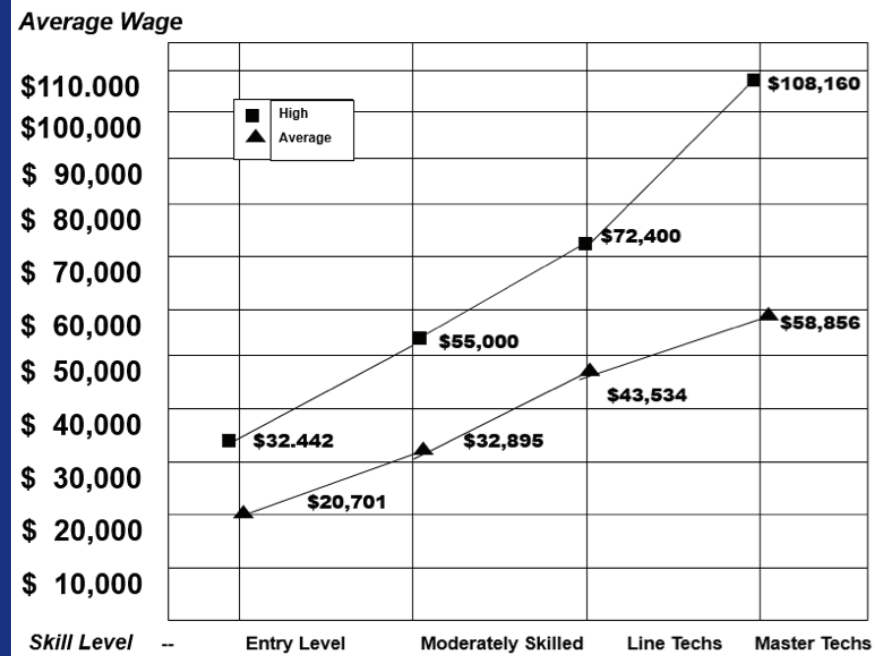
The median wage in 2013 for automotive service technicians and mechanics was \$41,835 annually, or \$20.11 hourly. To start, you only need to have a high school diploma, although most employers prefer to hire employees who have completed a postsecondary vocational or community college automotive technician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



Bachelor of Arts Degree (includes major requirements – varies by university)

Associate Degree (includes general education classes)

<p>+ Work Experience (2 years)</p>	AUTO 180 – Electronic Engine Mgt Sys
	AUTO 160 – Automotive Electricity
	AUTO 150 – Automotive Brakes
	AUTO 140 – Auto Steering & Suspension
	AUTO 130 – Manual Drivetrain & Axles
	AUTO 120 – Auto. Trans. & Transaxles
	AUTO 110 – Automotive Engines
	AUTO 110 – Automotive Maintenance
	ASE A8 – Engine Performance
	ASE A7 – Heating & A/C
ASE A6 – Elec. /Electronic Sys	
ASE A5 – Brakes	
ASE A4 – Suspension & Steering	
ASE A3 – Manual Drivetrain	
ASE A2 – Auto. Transmissions	
ASE A1 – Engine Repair	
Industry Certification	Cerritos College - Open Entry

CAREERS	EDUCATION REQUIRED	WAGE
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	AUTOMOTIVE BACKGROUND + SPECIALIZED TRAINING + AUTOMOTIVE MANAGEMENT	\$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	

Most employers prefer to hire employees who have completed a vocational or community college automotive technician program.



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

## 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/>

