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 Amonda Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650
Contact: Dr. Nick Real, Dean
(562) 860-2451 x3864
www.cerritos.edu
Programs: Ford – ASSET • Chrysler – CAP • General Motors – ASEP • IMPCO – Saseen Fuels • Import Technician Training Program • ITTP • Certificates of Achievement in: General Technician, Engine/Machine Technology, Electrical/Diagnosis Technician, Manufacturer Specialty • A.A. Degree in Automotive Technology (Includes General Education)

**Cypress College**
19900 Valley View St.
Cypress, CA 90630
Contact: John Alexander, Department Chair
(562) 852-6402
www.cypress.edu
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

**Citrus College**
1000 W. Foothill Blvd.
Anaheim, CA 92806
Contact: Jim Leach, Dean
(562) 852-6000
www.citrus.edu
Programs: John Alexander, Department Chair
(626) 852-6792
www.citrus-auto.com
Programs: Completion in Automotive Technology • ●A.A. Degree in Automotive Technology (Includes General Education)

**Fullerton College**
321 E. Chapman Ave.
Fullerton, CA 92832
Contact: Dave Lopez, Program Coordinator/Chairperson
(714) 951-2119
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
www.goldenwest.edu
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 Mary, Advanced Transportation Project Director
(562) 938-3067
tech.lbc.edu
Programs: Medium and Heavy Duty Alternative Fuels including LNG, CNG and Hybrid Technologies

**Los Angeles Trade Technical College**
400 S. Washington Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90015
Contact: Rudy Serrato
(213) 714-3960
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

**Mission Viejo College**
1570 E. California Blvd
Mission Viejo, CA 92692
Contact: Clifford Meyer, Department Chair
(949) 582-4996
http://www.missionviejoc.edu/autotech
Programs: Certificate in Automotive Chassis Specialist • Certificate of Achievement in Alternative Fuel Vehicle Specialist • Smog Testing Technician • General Automotive Degree Program • Alternative Fuels Program

**Pasadena College**
1570 E. Colorado Blvd
Pasadena, CA 91106
Contact: Armin Yararander, Secretary
(626) 957-2567
www.pasadena.edu/divisions/engineering-tect/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 Wemme Rd.
Woodland Hills, CA 91371
Contact: Tom Fortune, Department Chair
(818) 710-4320
www.piercecollege.edu
Programs: Certificate of Completion in Automotive Technology • A.A. Degree in Automotive Technology • Includes General Education

**Santa Ana College**
1590 E. 17th St.
Santa Ana, CA 92706
Contact: Department Co-Chair
Glen Hammonds (714) 564-6664
Doug Wilkes (714) 564-6667
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)

**Saddleback College**
28000 Margarita Parkway
Mission Viejo, CA 92692
Contact: John Kasabian, Department Chair
(714) 742-7371
www.saddleback.edu/autos/automotive.html
Programs: American Honda PACT Program • Smog Testing Technician • General Automotive Degree Program • Alternative Fuels Program

**University of La Verne**
300 W. Foothill Blvd.
Whittier, CA 90601
Contact: Anne Ostrander, Secretary
(562) 903-4996
www.fullcoll.edu/automotive
Programs: Certificate in Chassis and Drive Train Technology • A.A. Degree in Automotive Technology

**Whittier College**
800 N. Green St.
Whittier, CA 90602
Contact: Jim Lancaster, Dean
(562) 860-2451 x3084
http://www.hcc.whittier.edu
Programs: American Honda PACT Program

**Woodland Hills College**
1305 E. Pacific Coast Hwy.
Woodland Hills, CA 91371
Contact: Tom Fortune, Department Chair
(818) 710-4320
www.piercecollege.edu
Programs: Certificate of Completion in Automotive Technology • A.A. Degree in Automotive Technology • Includes General Education

Fast Track to an Automotive Technology Career at a Community College
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?
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
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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.

QUALIFICATIONS
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Earnings in Automotive Technology

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

**Knowledge**
Do you like?
- Mechanical Repairs
- Customer Service
- New Technologies
- Working with Computers

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**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
- National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation
- National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence