

# Automotive Technology

## Automotive Specialist

### An Associate of Applied Science Degree Program

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Automotive Specialist concentration is designed for students who wish to complete a two-year technical degree applicable to immediate employment in the automotive industry. The program allows students flexibility in selecting courses that can meet specific educational and employment goals. The program prepares students for unique positions in the workplace which includes automotive service, motor sports and/or auto body industries. The Automotive Specialist program is used to meet customized, industry-specific needs and/or unique academic and career goals identified by the student.

Based on the selection of desired pathways, the student will gain knowledge in the following topic areas of Auto Body/Collision Repair, Automotive Service, and Motor Sports.

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A student desiring to enroll in the Associate of Applied Science degree program in Automotive Technology – Concentration: Automotive Specialist must:

1. Submit the Northeast State Application for Admission to the Office of Admissions and Records.
2. Indicate Automotive Technology – Concentration: Automotive Specialist as the desired major on the Northeast State application form.
3. See a faculty advisor from the Automotive Technology program prior to registering for classes.

#### TYPICAL PROGRAM OF STUDY

Course No.	Course Title	Credit
<b>FALL</b>		
EDUC 1030	College and Lifelong Learning	3
ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3
COMM 2025	Fundamentals of Communication	3
or		
COMM 2045	Public Speaking	3
AUTO 1120	Vehicle Electrification	4
AUTO 2140	Engine Analysis	4
<b>SPRING</b>		
Elective	Humanities Elective (an approved elective from the general education core)	3
MATH 1050	Trigonometric Applications	4
AUTO 2150	Computer Engine Controls	4
Select one course from the following:		
AUTO 1130	Advanced Engine Analysis	4
AUTO 2350	Body and Chassis Electronics	4
AUTO 2410	Management and Maintenance	3
<b>FALL</b>		
Select 13 credit hours from the following courses:		
<u>Auto Body/Collision Repair</u>		
AUBR 1330	Non-Structural Repair	4
AUBR 1340	Structural Repair	4
AUBR 1420	Paint and Refinishing	4
WELD 1060	General Welding	4
<u>Automotive Service</u>		
AUTO 2210	Alignment and Brakes	4
AUTO 2310	Power Trains	4
<u>Motor Sports</u>		
AUTO 2220	Chassis Motor Sports I	4
AUTO 2320	Power Trains Motor Sports I	4
AUTO 2510	Performance Motor Sports I	4
<b>SPRING</b>		
Elective	Behavioral/Social Science Elective (an approved elective from the general education core)	3
PHYS 1030	Survey of Physics	4
or		
PSCI 1010	Principles of Physical Science I	4
Select 9 credit hours from the following courses:		
<u>Auto Body/Collision Repair</u>		
AUTO 2990	Special Topics in Automotive Technology	1
<u>Automotive Service</u>		
AUTO 1130	Advanced Engine Analysis	4
AUTO 2350	Body and Chassis Electronics	4
AUTO 2410	Management and Maintenance	3
<u>Motor Sports</u>		
AUTO 2520	Performance Motor Sports II	3

## TYPICAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Service Technician:** Services and maintains automobiles; may be assigned to a particular specialty such as transmissions, wheel alignment, pre-delivery service, brakes, or electronic service.

**Service Writer:** Meets customers, makes recommendations for parts/services, and organizes vehicle flow through the service center.

**Estimator:** Meets customers, makes recommendations for parts/services, and organizes vehicle flow through the service center.

**Shop Foreman:** Supervises and assists service technicians to maintain quality and quantity of work.

## PROGRAM COMPETENCIES

The graduate is competent to:

1. Demonstrate appropriate computer skills applicable in Automotive Technology fields such as analyzing computer serial data to discover specific system problems.
2. Troubleshoot, assemble, disassemble, and repair auto body components, mechanical systems, and performance systems found in the automotive service industry.
3. Demonstrate, perform, and adhere to appropriate OSHA safety standards in the automotive industry including basic and intermediate rigging methods.
4. Upon completion of the program, all students will demonstrate critical thinking skills for inquiry and analysis, assimilation of facts and knowledge, and problem solving.

Total Credit Hours

60

Additional learning support courses may be required to overcome deficiencies in English, mathematics, and reading.

## Five-Year Job Placement Rate

93%

## Median Salary\*

\$29,910\*

### \*Source:

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Survey; Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Market Information

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