Program Description
The Alternative Fuels Technology program prepares students to apply skills and knowledge to accurately diagnose, repair and service traditional and alternative fueled vehicles. This program will prepare students for ASE certifications in addition to instruction on hybrid, electric, CNG and LPG. Safety standards are imbedded in the curriculum as students will be working with and around high-voltage. Alternative Fuel technologies are becoming more common on the road, but few training programs exist to prepare technicians. WSU Tech is the first institution in Kansas to offer a program specializing in Alternative Fuel Vehicle Maintenance.

Gainful Employment:

1.) Apply for admissions
2.) Meet with an admissions counselor
3.) Meet with an advisor.

Alternative Fuel Technology Program Contacts:

Located at the:
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301 S. Grove
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General Inquiries and Admissions:
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Enrollment and Advising:
Molly Stahl, Academic Advisor
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Day/Evening | Length | Hours* | Cost*
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Day Only | Technical Certificate: 1 year
Associate Degree: 2 years*
*Summer mandatory for both Technical Certificate and Associate of Applied Science Degree. | 1st semester: 8:00 AM-3:00 PM M-F
2nd semester: 8:00 AM-6:00 PM M-F
Summer semester: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM M-F
Additional General Education: Determined by students’ selection | Technical Certificate $9361.00
Associate of Applied Science $11,305.00

* Class schedules and costs subject to change. Costs do not include books, tools, or digital device and misc. student fees that may change each semester. AAS program length is contingent on placement in general education classes. For more program information, please visit: http://wsutech.edu/automotive-service-technology/

This program is accredited by HLC and Kansas Board of Regents. More information at: http://wsutech.edu/get-started/

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What wage can an Automotive Service Technician expect compared to someone specializing in Alternative Fuel Technologies?
A. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2017); National mean annual wages for Auto Service Mechanics were $22,610-$65,430 annually or $10.87-$31.46 hourly. State of Kansas mean wages for individuals in this field are approximately $20,350-$39,380 annually or $9.78-$18.93 hourly. Although not backed by statistics yet because the field is so new, there tends to be a higher pay grade for fleet services that use alternative fuel technologies and this could open more doors.

Q. When can I start the Alternative Fuels Technologies Program?
A. January and August are the program starting points.

Q. What tools and books are required for the program?
A. This program no longer requires students to purchase tools. WSU Tech supplies tools for the students to use in the classroom while attending. However, auto service employers will seldom hire an auto service technician who is not equipped with their own tools. To help ensure job placement after the program, we strongly urge students to budget for personal tools NOW before they begin job seeking. Tool companies often sell Auto Service students tools at a large discount (for instance, SNAP ON gives all students a 40% or greater discount on tools). In addition to tools, students will also need a digital device (tablet or laptop) to access their digital textbook. The laptop does not have to be purchased from WSU Tech, but must meet certain specifications. See an advisor for details.

Two books are required for the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Maintenance program. Both textbooks utilize online content from the publisher, Cengage. WSU Tech recommends purchasing a subscription to Cengage Unlimited which is less expensive than purchasing the access code for both textbooks. Visit the bookstore or www.cengage.com/unlimited for more details. General education textbooks for this program will cost around $750.

Q. Is there a dress code for this program?
A. Yes, students wear a work shirt, the cost of which is included in their student fees. Students are also expected to wear jeans or long pants (no shorts), and closed toe/closed heel shoes with oil resistant soles.

Q. What are the Technical Qualifications of the instructional staff?
A. All of our instructors have years of industry experience. Additionally, NATEF requires instructors to hold ASE certification in the areas that they teach.

Q. Where will my classes be held?
A. Your core technical courses take place at the City Center campus at 301 South Grove, where your Admissions Counselor and Advisor are located.

Questions for our instructor?
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