



Automotive Technology

Academic Year 2023-2024

Program Description

The Automotive Technology program allows students to gain skills and knowledge to accurately diagnose, repair and service various automotive vehicles. Program includes classroom and lab instruction in safety, electrical and electronic systems, suspension and steering, engine performance, manual drive train and axles, heating and air conditioning, engine repair and brakes. The program is accredited by the ASE Education Foundation at the Master Level.

Gainful Employment: <https://wsutech.edu/placement/>



How do I enroll in Automotive classes at WSU Tech?

- 1.) Apply for admissions – www.wsutech.edu/apply
- 2.) Meet with an admissions counselor
- 3.) Complete the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) - <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- 4.) Meet with an advisor - <https://wsutech.edu/admissions/contact/>
- 5.) Submit additional financial aid forms

Where is this program?

City Center Campus
301 S Grove
Wichita, KS 67210
Building A

Who can help me apply and give me a tour?

Admissions Counselor:
Thalia Sanchez
316-677-9460
TSanchez@wsutech.edu

Who can enroll me in classes?

Program Advisor:
Ami Alvidrez
316-677-9459
Aalvidrez@wsutech.edu

We want to meet YOU!

Schedule to meet with Thalia or Ami at <https://wsutech.edu/admissions/contact/>

Day/Evening	Length	Hours*	Cost*
Day	Technical Certificate: 1 year* Associate Degree: 2 years* *Summer mandatory	Fall/Spring Semesters 8:00 AM-3:15 PM MT OR RF Summer semester: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM MT OR WR General Education: Determined by students' selection	Technical Certificate \$11,135 Associate of Applied Science \$12,547
Evening	Associate's Degree and Technical Certificate: At least 2 years, but may be longer depending on student decisions. Two summers are mandatory.	All Auto Tech classes: 5:30 PM-9:30 PM MW OR TR; General Education: Determined by students' selection	

* Class schedules and costs subject to change. Costs do not include required books, tools, or digital device. AAS program length is contingent on placement in general education classes. For more program information, please visit:

<http://wsutech.edu/automotive-technology/>



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

KSDegreeStats.org



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What wage can an Automotive Service Technician expect?

- A. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2018); **National mean annual wages** were \$25,790 – \$71,940 annually or \$12.40-\$34.59 hourly. **State of Kansas mean wages** for individuals in this field are approximately \$23,190-\$40,670 annually or \$11.15-\$19.55 hourly.

Q. When can I start the Automotive Technology Program?

- A. The Automotive Technology program offers starting points every semester. Students can begin Automotive Technology classes in **August, January, or June**. General education classes for both AAS and TC may also begin mid-semester.

Q. What tools and books are required for the program?

- A. Students will need a digital device (tablet or laptop) to access their required digital textbook. The laptop does not have to be purchased from WSU Tech, but must meet certain specifications. See an advisor for details.

This program does not require 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 students tools at a large discount (for instance, Snap-on gives all students a 40% or greater discount on tools).

Textbooks are required for success in this program. Check with the academic advisor regarding the current process for accessing textbooks.

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 required to wear safety glasses as well as closed toe/closed heel shoes with slip/oil resistant soles. Safety glasses are required for this program and they must be rated **Z87**. Markings can be found on the earpiece close to the lenses and prescription glasses must have the same Z87 markings. Side shields are highly recommended.

Questions for our instructor?

Brian Love:

316-677-1018 or blove2@wsutech.edu

For more information:

<https://wsutech.edu/automotive-technology/>

Q. What are the Technical Qualifications of the instructional staff?

- A. All of our instructors have years of industry experience. Additionally, the ASE Education Foundation requires that instructors who teach in Master accredited programs hold current ASE Master Automotive Technician Certification, Advanced Level Engine Performance (L1) and Maintenance and Light Repair certification (G1).

Q. What certifications will I earn in this program? Will I be a Master Technician upon completion?

You will earn Student-Level ASE certifications by completing this program. Full ASE certification requires two years of documented automotive repair experience as well as completion of the ASE written tests. Our program counts as 1 year of experience towards this requirement. Technicians that pass all eight of the ASE Automotive Tests and meet the two-year experience requirement are ASE Master Technicians.

Q. Where will my classes be held?

- A. Your Automotive Technology courses will be held in person at the City Center Campus at 301 S. Grove. General education courses may be held online or in person at one of our various campuses.