

## Why choose this career pathway?

Automotive technology is an industry in demand. Industry analysts project a pronounced shortage of automotive technicians within the next 5 to 10 years as the crop of new employees steadily shrinks, due to a decreased emphasis on vocational training in high schools.

With technical skills well beyond those needed in the past, graduates of Cuyamaca's program who secure industry certification can expect an average annual salary of between \$40,000 and \$60,000. Entry-level salaries are typically in the \$30,000 range, and the pay of top earners in high-volume dealerships can exceed \$100,000. Graduates of the Cuyamaca College program are working at dealerships and independent repair shops throughout Southern California, and the opportunity for advancement has never been better.

What's more, Cuyamaca College's Automotive Technology Program offers the General Motors-sponsored ASEP degree program, which trains students in all systems of GM vehicles, and the Ford-sponsored ASSET degree program, which trains students in all systems of Ford vehicles. One of only three in the state, the college's Ford ASSET (Automotive Student Service Education Training) is recognized as one of the best training programs in the world.



## Making a difference



Be on the cutting edge of automotive technology as we steer toward a future of self-driving cars and revolutionized travel. Computers drive every major system on new automobiles, and traditional automakers are moving full speed ahead in experimenting with driverless cars and advancing the technology behind electric automobiles. Despite such advances, cars still can't fix themselves. That's why we need you.

Modern auto technicians need to master their mechanical abilities, employ common sense, and hone their reading comprehension. When you enroll in Cuyamaca College's Automotive Technology program, you'll learn how to diagnose and repair the most complex tools we have in our lives.

Folks can be fanatic about their cars, and this is an exciting time to learn new things. If you like solving problems, or are interested in industrial technology, engineering, math, science, and business management, then you can find your future at our Automotive Technology program.



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Do you love speed? The rumble of a finely tuned engine? Seeing your work cruise down the road at optimum performance? Or do you just want a job with a secure future that pays well?

Cuyamaca College's award-winning Automotive Technology program is industry recognized for staying ahead of the curve with three separate programs: general automotive; General Motors ASEP; and Ford ASSET; as well as training on hybrid and electric vehicles. Current students have paid internships at Toyota, Honda, GM, and independent specialty shops. Program graduates become lead technicians, general managers, business owners, industry leaders, and some go on to study engineering and other disciplines at university.

The skills gained through Cuyamaca's Automotive Technology program will stay with you a lifetime and open doors to a career with a future.



## How Do I Apply?

- ✓ First, find more information about this program at [www.cuyamaca.edu/academics/departments/auto/](http://www.cuyamaca.edu/academics/departments/auto/)
- ✓ Complete an online application.
- ✓ View the online orientation.
- ✓ Set an appointment with the Automotive Technology Coordinator to discuss Auto Tech career and major options.
- ✓ Set an appointment with a counselor to create an education plan focusing on Automotive Technology.

## Degrees and Certificates in Automotive Technology

- Automotive Technology
- Automotive Technology ASEP
- Automotive Technology ASSET
- Brakes and Front End
- Engine Performance and Drive Train
- Advanced Engine Performance and Emissions

## Career Opportunities Include

- Auto Electrician
- Auto Parts Salesperson
- Automotive Air-Conditioning Technician
- Engine Machinist
- General Repair Technician
- Service Advisor
- GM (ASEP)-Certified Automotive Technician
- Service Manager
- Transmission Technician
- Licensed Smog Technician
- Tune-Up Technician
- Computerized Engine Control Specialist
- Automotive Repair Business Owner
- Ford (ASSET)-Certified Automotive Technician

## What Our Students Are Saying



*Cuyamaca College provided the foundation to starting my career in the automotive field. As one of the first graduates of the Ford ASSET program, I was able to buy a home and start a family within three years from high school. At the dealership, I became recognized as one of the leaders and best producers allowing my yearly income to grow consistently each year. Looking back, I would not change any of the decisions I made during those two years at Cuyamaca.*

Michael Fleming  
Monte Vista High School, Automotive Instructor



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