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Project can help you start
a career in this exciting
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Automotive Technology @ Evergreen Valley College

Career Path: Many graduates pursue positions as auto technicians and electrical diagnostic technicians. As technicians advance their skills and become faster at repairs, they often receive efficiency bonuses for repairs done quickly. Technicians with good communication skills may advance to positions as service writers or dispatchers in an auto repair facility. This program also prepares students for many other job opportunities that take advantage of the training in mechanical and computer controlled devices.



Nature of the Work: Automotive repair work involves both hands-on repair work and problem-solving. Entry level workers may do more hands-on work such as oil changes, tire rotations,

battery installations. Repair work may at times require physical strength, but assistive devices are available to help with heavy lifting and wrenching. Often, the work involves working with hand tools in tight spaces and replacing intricate parts or sensors.

Specific Jobs: In addition to positions as auto technicians in their general or specialty areas, graduates of the A.S. degree programs have more access to positions requiring strong communication skills, such as service writing, parts or tool distributor, dispatchers who determine the work flow, parts manager, service manager, finance manager, or general manager.

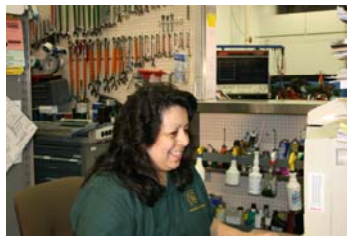
Degrees or Certificates Offered: A.S. Degrees in Automotive Technology, with emphases in Fuel and Electrical or Drivetrain and Chassis.

Five Certificate Programs: Basic Skills, Drivetrain and Chassis, Engine Service, Fuel and Electrical, Honda, Advanced Automotive Training (combines content from all of the above certificates).

Hours Offered: This program offers classes Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Saturday classes are offered from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Class offerings vary by semester, but most classes are offered at least once a year.

Women's Success Stories

Diane Ontiveros



Instructional Lab Technician II
Employed by: Evergreen Valley College
Automotive Technology Department

"When I first started the program I was really nervous. It was a beginning class, and everybody was new to it. Eventually, I realized that the men were just as scared as I was. I thought they knew more than I did, but they didn't. They were just as nervous to talk to another woman. I finally realized that, and we got to be really good friends. We were all just learning. That was a thing to get over, thinking they knew more than I did."

Approx. Starting Salary:	\$10-\$14/hour for entry level positions taken on while in school \$20/hour after graduation for students with smog license.
Average Salary:	\$32/hour union wage after 4-5 years experience.
Placement Rate:	Historically, the placement rate for students who are pursuing positions in automotive technology has been nearly 100%.
Labor Market:	Evergreen Valley College (EVC) automotive technology students are highly sought after because of the quality of the program, the fact that it is certified by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and accepted by the unions. Although when the economy slows, customers sometimes postpone car maintenance, job placements have continued at just under 100% for students who request them.

FAQs—Career and Academic

Are employers hiring for jobs in this area?

Yes! Evergreen Valley has an excellent relationship with hiring managers in the area, including Sears, Honda, Pep Boys, Wheel Works, Goodyear Tire Stores, various automotive dealers, and many others. Employers are eager to hire students after they complete their first semester in the program! The program also has developed industry partnerships with Honda, the cities of San Jose and Sunnyvale, and the Northern California Automotive Dealers Group to develop career opportunities for students. These strong relationships have resulted in a placement rate for graduates of close to 100% for those requesting placement in the field.

Can I pursue a career in this field without a background in technology?

Yes, definitely! There are no prerequisites, and you don't need a specific background in technology to enroll in the Automotive Technology program. It helps to know how to use a computer and to have basic geometry and algebra skills. If you need help, there's a Tutoring Center located near the Automotive Technology Department.

How can I prepare for the program if I don't have a background in technology?

A background in technology is not required for the automotive technology program. However, experience with using a computer will give you a great head start for the program. It also makes sense to work on your reading, writing, and math skills, which will be useful in the program as well.

How long will it take to complete this technology program?

It depends on which program you enroll in, and whether or not you choose to work in the field while you are in school.

The A.S. degree (61-63.5 units) can be completed in two years. To complete both an A.S. degree *and* all the automotive courses (90 units) typically takes three years.

The Honda Professional Automotive Career Training (PACT) program (90 units) typically takes three years to complete.

Certificate programs:

- Basic Skills – one semester
- Engine Services – one semester
- Drivetrain and Chassis – two semesters
- Fuel and Electrical – two semesters