

# Automotive Technology Program Michigan Career and Technical Institute (MCTI)

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## Career Choices – Certificate of Completion Programs

- General Maintenance Technician
- Auto Parts Specialist
- Suspension/Steering Technician
- Brake Technician
- Automotive Electrical Technician
- Engine Performance Technician
- HVAC Technician

Depending on skills, abilities, and interests, students can participate from 1-6 terms

## Program Description

MCTI's Automotive Technology Program operates like a small repair and auto parts business. All students are trained in basic shop practices and have experience working on vehicles. During each 10-week course, students may train in the diagnosis and repair of brakes, suspensions, electrical, heating/air conditioning, and engine performance systems, working toward state of Michigan and national (ASE) certifications. There are also 2-5 week courses featuring oil and tire services. National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) competency standards are utilized. Students may also focus on the customer service side of the auto parts business which includes a five (5) week work internship.

## Job Outlook

Jobs for auto technicians are plentiful and students who complete the program are easily hired. Students can expect an entry-level wage of about \$7.40– \$15 per hour. Experienced mechanics with leadership ability may advance to shop foreman or become service managers.

## Aptitude/Abilities

- Ability to communicate through oral/written formats
- Physically demanding, coordination, above average skill in working with one's hands, and the ability to get into awkward positions
- Average spatial, motor coordination; manual dexterity, strong mechanical reasoning and ability to problem solve
- Average learning ability, computer literate
- Ability to meet and deal with people, interpersonal communication skills
- Valid, unrestricted Michigan driver's license required
- Students interview with the instructor prior to acceptance

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