

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, AND TRANSFER PREPARATION INFORMATION

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

This program — offered through the SMC Business Department — prepares students to work in positions troubleshooting and repairing electronic and mechanical vehicle problems.

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Students must petition the Business Department to obtain this Department Certificate.

Programs Offered

- Transfer Preparation
- Department Certificate
- Automotive Technician – Introductory

Department Certificate Requirements

A Department Certificate is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a **designated minimum number of units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College. Department Chairs have the discretion to waive the 50% minimum units required at SMC to meet the major or area of emphasis. All major coursework must be completed with a "C" or better grade.

Note: Department Certificates are not noted on student transcripts. Students must submit a petition to the relevant academic department to be awarded a Department Certificate.

Catalog Rights

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student's **continuous** enrollment. Continuous enrollment means attendance in at least one semester (Fall or Spring) in each academic year.

Transfer Preparation

Students seeking a baccalaureate in this area of study are encouraged to review the Bachelor of Science in Automotive Technology offered by Rio Hondo College at riohondo.edu/autotechbachelor.

Automotive Technician – Introductory, Department Certificate

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Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will be able to apply basic diagnostic techniques, maintenance procedures, and repair skills to automotive electrical, braking, and suspension and steering systems.

Area of Emphasis: (12 units)

Required Courses:

- AUTO 40, Automotive Maintenance and Operations (3)
- AUTO 45, Automotive Braking Systems (3)
- AUTO 46, Automotive Electrical Systems (3)
- AUTO 47, Suspension and Steering (3)