Are you interested in learning what is under the hood of different automobiles? Do you like to fix things or work with your hands? The Automotive Technology program may be your answer. It provides the skills for a satisfying career with excellent pay.

As an automotive technician, you provide an important service—helping people get their cars back on the road. This challenging career requires you to keep up with constantly changing technology. With the Automotive Service Technology option, hands-on learning is the primary teaching method. For every two hours of classroom learning, three hours are spent in the automotive laboratory.

"The Automotive program has given students from West Philadelphia Automotive Academy the opportunity to pursue their dreams as automotive technicians while earning industry level competency, job placement assistance, career exposure and excellent instructor mentoring."

– Maurice A. Williams, program director, Philadelphia Academies Inc.

The Automotive Service Technology option offers:

- an associate’s degree plus certifications from Ford Motor Company
- experienced, industry-certified instructors
- a state-of-the-art facility
- the most modern diagnostic and repair equipment
- opportunities for internships and work experience

By working closely with local employers, Automotive Technology faculty create internships for students and graduates. Employers look to the Automotive Service Technology option as the best source for finding qualified employees.

Career Paths

Today’s autos have extremely sophisticated technology. In order to satisfy customers today, the industry needs highly skilled, technologically advanced automotive professionals. The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09 Edition, says, “Job opportunities are expected to be very good for those who complete automotive training programs.”

The U.S. Department of Labor identifies automotive service technicians and mechanics among the occupations projected for the largest increases in employment through 2016.
The program prepares you for these positions:
- technician
- safety inspector
- shop supervisor

The **Automotive Service Technology Option**
The program provides opportunities to learn the following:
- industry standard computer software training
- practical, hands-on automotive skills
- team building and hands-on learning activities
- industry standard Safety and Pollution Prevention (S/P2) training

**Salaries**
Automotive service technicians and mechanics – $16.43/hr*


The benefits of graduating with an A.A.S. degree in Automotive Technology – Automotive Service Technology option include:
- acquiring skills for an automobile technician position
- certification from Ford Motor Company in automotive electronics, brakes, steering and suspension and heating and air conditioning
- preparation for the required national and state exams
- the ability to pursue further education

Other attractive features of the program are:
- day, evening and part-time program scheduling
- opportunities for financial assistance

**Areas of Study**
This curriculum includes courses in Advanced Engine Performance, Advanced Automotive Braking Systems and Advanced Automotive Electronics.

**Additional Information**
This program is accredited by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).

**Admission to the College**
Prospective students are strongly encouraged to apply early prior to the start of a term in order to complete the appropriate steps for enrollment. For more information, contact Richard Saxton, head of the Transportation Technologies Management department, at 267-299-5873 or autotech@ccp.edu.