

Automotive Technology

Career **Connect**
CHOOSE YOUR PATH

POTENTIAL SALARY

Can make over \$66,000/year

8/10

AVERAGE SALARY

\$40,080 per year in South Carolina

6/10

DEGREE REQUIREMENT

No degree required for most jobs

8/10

TIME COMMITMENT

Earn a certificate in about 2 semesters

7/10

JOB AVAILABILITY

Over 10,000 jobs are available in SC alone

8/10

JOB SECURITY

Advances in automotive technology means job security for technicians

9/10

The Career Score attempts to score each career relative to the other careers on this website. Salary info and other data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and PayScale.com * Denotes info based on nationwide statistics

OVERVIEW

In South Carolina, the average automotive service technician makes **over \$40k annually**. With more experience and additional certifications, they can make well over \$66k. This field is one that rewards motivated individuals.

Today's vehicles are not as straightforward as those made 50 – or even 20 – years ago. They have computerized systems, may run on electric power, and need more maintenance than ever. That's all **great news** for automotive service technicians. More complicated cars means more consistent work and higher pay! It also means that training is more necessary than ever for a successful career.

An automotive collision repair certificate will allow you to get started as a professional automotive mechanic in as little as 2 semesters. But if you can spend a bit more time in school, an associate's degree will make you fully qualified for almost any type of automotive service.

EDUCATION

AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR CERTIFICATE



40 CREDIT HR. (2-3 SEMESTERS)

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEGREE



69 CREDIT HR. (4 SEMESTERS)