

# Automotive Technology

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## POTENTIAL SALARY

Can make over \$58,330/year\*

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## AVERAGE SALARY

\$42,670 per year in South Carolina

6/10

## DEGREE REQUIREMENT

No degree required for most jobs

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## TIME COMMITMENT

Earn a certificate in about 3 semesters

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## JOB AVAILABILITY

Over 11,700 jobs are available in SC alone

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## JOB SECURITY

This field is not expected to grow or shrink significantly through 2030\*

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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 Salary.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 \$58k. 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 about three 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



**12 CLASSES** (40 CREDIT HRS.)

### AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEGREE



**21 CLASSES** (69 CREDIT HRS.)