Bellingham Technical College

TRANSPORTATION & MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY

AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR TECHNOLOGY
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DIESEL TECHNOLOGY

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BTC's programs in Transportation and Mechanical Technology are ideal for students with hands-on capabilities and problem-solving proficiency. You'll learn skills needed for a career in the highly technical transportation industry — skills highly sought by employers like car and truck dealerships, collision repair companies, aircraft detail and repair shops, boat manufacturers, and industrial manufacturing plants.

The employment outlook for program graduates in this field is strong, and students can expect to earn excellent wages.

Our graduates are sought after by the industry, and there are ample job opportunities in transportation and mechanical technology.

BTC Degree Options

BTC's Transportation and Mechanical Technology programs offer two options for degrees depending on your education goals.

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree:
A two-year technical degree that allows you to go directly to work in your field.

Associate of Applied Science-Transfer (AAS-T) degree:
A two-year technical degree with transferable general education courses that allows you to either go directly into your field or choose to transfer to a specific program at a four-year college or university.

Transitioning to BTC: BTC accepts both traditional and non-traditional credit for equivalency to BTC courses on a case-by-case basis. Contact Admissions at admissions@btc.edu or call 360.752.8345.

Learn more: www.btc.edu/transfers

*Wage & Employment Data Sources
**AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR TECHNOLOGY**

*Associate of Applied Science — Transfer Degree
Associate of Applied Science Degree
Program Length: 6 quarters*

**Non-Structural Repair**

Certificate of Completion
Program Length: 2 quarters

Train for a career as an automotive collision repair technician, automotive glass specialist, powder coater, painter, or body shop technician or manager. BTC’s Auto Collision Repair program will prepare you for all aspects of automotive body repair, using the latest technological processes and equipment. You’ll learn trade-specific skills, including how to repair and refinish damaged vehicles to I-CAR industry standards.

Graduates of the two-year degree also earn four I-CAR certifications: Pro Level 1 in Non-Structural Body, Pro Level 1 in Refinishing, aluminum welding, and steel welding.

BTC’s Auto Collision Repair program will give you the hands-on instruction sought after by employers such as independent collision repair shops, detailing shops, automotive manufacturers, and automotive recyclers.

“This program has really prepared me to get a job in the workforce, something I’m happy to do every day. The knowledge I’ve learned at Bellingham Technical College will really set me in the right direction.”

— Michaelangelo Vega Ortiz, Auto Collision Repair graduate

About 94% of Auto Collision Repair Technology students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage for Auto Collision Repair Technology program graduates is $51,792, with an earning potential of about $75,462 per year.*

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Choose this program to prepare for a rewarding career in the automotive service industry. Occupational choices are extensive in this specialized field; you could work as an automatic transmission, brake, engine performance, or electrical specialist.

Check out Automotive Technology at BTC if you’re looking for a program that provides a wide range of high-demand skills you’ll use with employers such as automotive dealerships, independent automotive repair shops, federal and local government repair shops, and fleet maintenance businesses.

BTC’s General Automotive Repair and Vehicle Service Technician certificates prepare graduates to work in entry-level automotive positions like lubrication, tire, and muffler service.

**Note:** Students must have a valid driver’s license with no driving restrictions that would preclude students from driving agency vehicles and be insurable.

“There’s a lot of hands on. They’re training me on the real world; we’re working with cars just like they would at a shop.”

— David Carrera, Auto Technology student

About 78% of BTC Automotive Technology students are employed within nine months of graduation.

The average annual wage in this field is $46,675, with an earning potential of about $60,299 per year.*
If you are looking for a high-paying career upon graduating from BTC, then you should consider Diesel Technology.

You’ll be prepared to work right away as a diesel technician, repairing and maintaining heavy trucks, buses, and off-road equipment like bulldozers, graders, and tractors. Other positions you’d qualify for are diesel engine specialist, marine technician, electrical specialist, or hydraulic technician.

You’ll learn how to maintain and repair leading-edge diesel equipment, and work hands-on in an actual shop.

Employers who hire graduates from the Diesel Technology program include diesel trucking companies, rental companies, highway contractors, farm and heavy equipment companies, marine dealers, dealerships, state and county facilities, and transportation depots.

About 78% of BTC Diesel Technology students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is $54,517, with an earning potential of about $64,210 per year.*
Apply to BTC & Apply for Financial Aid
Apply at www.btc.edu/applyonline and get your Student Identification Number (SID).
Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.btc.edu/financialaid
Use BTC college code 016227.

Assess Your Starting Point
Degree- and certificate-seeking students need to determine their math and English starting points. Some programs require certain placement scores before starting program classes. BTC uses multiple measures to determine placement, including assessment testing. Visit: www.btc.edu/assessment

Advising & Registration
Students will meet with Advising and Career Services staff for a mandatory GET Started appointment: navigate Goals, create an Education Plan, become Tech Ready, and register for classes. Contact Admissions & Advising to schedule your appointment: admissions@btc.edu or call 360.752.8345.

Prepare to Attend
Participate in New Student Orientation to learn about campus resources and what to expect before your first quarter.
Sign up: www.btc.edu/events
Pay tuition and fees: www.btc.edu/tuition
Buy textbooks: www.btc.edu/campusstore