Bellingham Technical College

Transportation & Mechanical Technology

Automotive Collision Repair Technology
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Diesel Technology

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Hands-on capabilities and problem-solving proficiency

Practical & Professional
Your learning goes beyond the classroom, with hands-on work in BTC’s shop spaces, high-tech equipment, internships and instructors with industry experience.

Built-in Community
BTC’s transportation programs offer small classes and cohorts, so you’ll build a supportive community of classmates and get plenty of one-on-one time with instructors.

Return on Investment
With strong financial support for students and shorter certificates and two-year degrees, you’ll graduate with less debt ready to join the transportation and automotive workforce.

You feel confident when you’re working on your car. You’ve heard that four-year college is the only way to succeed, but BTC’s Diesel and Automotive programs give you the skills to turn your passion into a high-paying career.
BTC’s programs in Transportation & 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, vehicle collision repair companies, aircraft detail and repair shops, maritime manufacturers, and industrial manufacturing plants.

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**BTC Degree Options**

BTC’s Transportation and Mechanical Technology programs offer multiple 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.

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Train for a career as an automotive collision repair technician, automotive glass specialist, painter, or vehicle 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 receive I-CAR training and the opportunity to attain aluminum and steel welding certifications.

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 91% of Auto Collision Repair Technology students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is $47,085, with an earning potential of about $61,241 per year.*
You’ve never shied away from a challenge, but the idea of a college degree always seemed out of reach. At BTC, you found affordable technical education to launch your career, with high wages and the flexibility to take you where you want to go. **FORGE YOUR OWN PATH. BE YOU.**
Choose this program to prepare for a rewarding career in the automotive service industry. Occupational choices are extensive in this field; you could work as an automotive or light duty truck technician, service advisor, parts specialist, electric/hybrid vehicle specialist or one of many other related positions.

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 facilities.

BTC’s General Automotive Repair certificate prepares graduates to work in entry-level automotive positions like lubrication, tire, and muffler service.

**Note:** Students must show proof of and maintain a valid driver’s license.

“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 83% of BTC Automotive Technology students are employed within nine months of graduation. The average annual wage in this field is $48,381, with an earning potential of about $61,214 per year.*
“I had a couple friends that went through this program and they’re in the industry doing great. They said the instructors are really good, the administrators are helpful, and there’s a lot of job opportunities and potential to grow.”

— Jagjit Singh, Diesel Technology Student
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, excavators, and tractors. Other positions you’d qualify for are diesel engine specialist, maritime technician, electrical specialist, hydraulic technician, or a supporting role within the heavy duty diesel industry such as parts and warranty.

BTC has a wide range of equipment and training aids to get hands-on experience prior to entering the workforce. You’ll learn how to maintain and repair leading-edge diesel engines, transmissions, brake and hydraulic systems all while working in an actual shop. There is a strong emphasis on electrical/electronics as the industry rapidly electrifies.

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

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File the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) if you are not eligible to complete the FAFSA. https://wsac.wa.gov/wasfa
For other funding resources, visit: www.btc.edu/financialresources

Assess Your Starting Point
Degree- and certificate-seeking students need to determine their math and English starting points.
BTC offers multiple options to determine where you start in those classes. Visit: www.btc.edu/assessment

Meet Your Navigator & Register for Classes
Students will meet with College Navigators for a mandatory GET Started appointment: navigate Goals, create an Education plan, become Tech ready, and register for classes.
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