

Consider a career as an auto care industry service and repair professional:  
It's the biggest opportunity you've never heard of... UNTIL NOW.

### Why you should consider a career as an auto care technician:

- » **Career availability:** A high-demand occupation, jobs are available right out of high school and college. Internships and quick job placement are available all over North America.
- » **Job security:** Offers a competitive salary and a solid, secure career, even in transitional economic cycles.
- » **High-tech industry:** New challenges and problem-solving opportunities using electronic systems and complex computer systems.
- » **Do what you love:** Follow your passion for vehicles and how they work.
- » **Professional growth:** Continuous training and education, online or on-the-job.
- » **Portable skills:** Opportunities for advancement in service and repair business management or other industry sectors.
- » **Variety:** In-demand jobs are also available in diesel technology, collision repair and heavy duty repair.
- » **Job satisfaction:** Offers pride in workmanship and the thrill of completion when problems are diagnosed and fixed correctly.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

[www.automotivescholarships.com](http://www.automotivescholarships.com) lists scholarship opportunities for those enrolling in automotive technical schools.

#### SEARCH LOCALLY:

Check out your local community college for automotive technology programs. Community colleges offer great preparation and a simple way to jumpstart your career.

### Activities of an Auto Care Technician:



- Studies vehicle systems to understand how they work.
- Inspects, maintains, and repairs automobiles and trucks.
- Uses variety of testing equipment and tools.
- Collision repair estimating.
- Reprogramming, servicing and updating state of the art automobiles and computer systems.
- Keeps up-to-date on new technology via on-going education and training programs.
- Interacts with customer service consultant and vehicle owner.

[www.autocarecareers.org](http://www.autocarecareers.org)

## What do you need to begin a career as an auto care technician?

- » A high school diploma.
- » Two-year college degree or graduation from a technical school.
- » Solid background in
- » English, math, science and computers.
- » Strong communication skills.
- » The ability to work as part of a team and on your own initiative.
- » Problem-solving abilities.
- » Tool set.
- » ASE certification.

“My name is Mike Wilson, I’m 23 years old and I’m a level three Automotive Service Technician. After high school I worked a number of different jobs, but I was missing the challenge of learning new technology and repairing it. There is such an incredible shortage of technicians in the automotive industry that I was hired at the first shop I applied! The industry has so many areas for specialization; electronics play a part in nearly every aspect of repair. I love that I never know what I will be working on next or how complicated it will be, but also, now and again I get to work on something exceptionally cool! The pace is fast, and everything keeps changing, so I’m never bored!”

*Mike Wilson, Automotive Service Technician, Rudy's Auto Service*

## What is the auto care industry?



**A North American network of more than 500,000** auto parts manufacturers, distributors, parts stores and professional service centers.



**A huge network** that supports almost every other industry and helps keep the world moving.



**A front-runner in cutting-edge technology.** Today’s vehicles are rolling computer networks with vehicle-to-vehicle communication systems and infotainment, requiring constant training in new vehicle systems. Working on state-of-the-art technology extends beyond the vehicle and into business operations and management.



**An industry that creates** a more sustainable and innovative world for our drivers.



“I can’t stand the thought of a mundane, boring daily grind of a job. As a technician I get a satisfying mixture of complex diagnostics, hands-on repairs, and a steady flow of new challenges. I have yet to regret turning my hobby into my career.”

*Alan Townsend, Automotive Technician, Sparks Tire & Auto*

**For more information about the types of jobs and opportunities for a rewarding career, visit [www.autocarecareers.org](http://www.autocarecareers.org).**