



Why Study Automotive?

The automotive industry is growing in Western Australia's northern metropolitan corridor. So much so, that trades based training to fill the skill shortage in this area has become a priority. The automotive industry is also experiencing a state of change. Highly skilled graduates trained in new technology and with an understanding of current industry trends, are therefore in high demand.

The industry sits at the cusp of a big shift in operations. Environmental factors are currently influencing the industry's future direction and it must adapt to influences such as environmental concern, the shortage of oil and the development of new technologies such as Hybrid and Fuel-Cell.

The automotive industry is large, encompassing light vehicle, heavy vehicle, plant mechanics, marine mechanics, small engine mechanics, motor bike mechanics, aviation, auto-electrical and specialised trades. Those who like to tinker, work with motors or are computer minded and interested in a high tech industry environment, are attracted to studying Automotive.

Automotive graduates will be on a pathway to gaining trade qualifications in an industry which offers many opportunities, diverse roles and stable employment. Almost all workshops annually employ apprentices. Apprentices are usually on trial at the end of the year for commencement of apprenticeship in the new year – which coincides with TAFE training.

Why Study Automotive at West Coast TAFE?

- Students practice on parts as well as complete vehicles and gain experience in servicing and maintenance
- West Coast TAFE offers a 'one stop shop' – training students from pre-apprenticeship to apprenticeship
- Mobile training facility allows training to be conducted offsite
- Well fitted workshop facility allows training onsite in a relaxed environment with open discussions and the use of resources to make classes more interesting
- Lecturers liaise closely with industry partners to ensure West Coast TAFE delivers up to date training.
- Employers highly value the ability of students to carry out tasks that they have learned through the practical training and industry partners contact us when they are looking to put on apprentices.
- Courses are both highly practical and theory based.
- Students are treated as young adults and learn practical skills to gain employment (such as how to make telephone calls to potential employers)
- Award winning course with the following successes: Best Apprentice; Best Pre-Apprentice; Best VET – Motor Sport; Best VET – Vehicle Servicing.

Courses	Career Opportunities
Certificate I in Automotive Pre-Apprenticeship (Light Vehicle)	This course offers a pathway for a trade level apprenticeship in all fields.
Certificate II Vehicle Servicing	This certificate qualifies the graduate for vehicle servicing; it is also a pathway to a trade apprenticeship as an automotive mechanic or trade in any field.
Certificate II Motor Sport	This certificate is a pathway to a trade in motor sport or trade apprenticeship in any field.
Certificate III Automotive Technology (Light Vehicle)	Available only to those employed as an Automotive Apprentice.

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