



# Automotive Service Technology

Get hands-on automotive training in our two-year diploma and prepare for your apprenticeship as an Automotive Service Technician. You'll be taught by industry-trained instructors who will combine theory and hands-on learning opportunities so you gain a strong foundation in automotive vehicle maintenance, diagnosis, repairs, manufacturers' specifications, customer service and communications.

If you complete this program successfully, you will be eligible to challenge the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT) Automotive Service Technician Periods 1-4 exams.

## Accreditation

The Automotive Service Technology program aligns with the Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT) Periods 1-4 training. Successful students are eligible to challenge Periods 1-4 apprenticeship exams. The pass mark for apprenticeship exams is 70%.

Students who are successful in completing SAIT's diploma program are eligible to receive a 300-hour, on-the-job training credit towards each of the four periods of the Automotive Service Technician apprenticeship.

## Credential

Upon successfully completing this program, graduates will be awarded a SAIT diploma in Automotive Service Technology.

## Admission requirements

### Admission dates

This program may not have an intake every semester. See available intakes above.

Intake semester	Semester begins	Applications open	Domestic applications close*	International applications close
Winter 2023	Jan. 9, 2023	March 30, 2022	Oct. 27, 2022	Now closed
Spring 2023	May 8, 2023	June 13, 2022	Feb. 24, 2023	Now closed
Summer 2023	July 4, 2023	Oct. 5, 2022	April 28, 2023	June 20, 2023
Fall 2023	Sept. 5, 2023	Oct. 5, 2022	June 28, 2023	May 23, 2023
Winter 2024	Jan. 8, 2024	March 29, 2023	Oct. 26, 2023	Sept. 28, 2023
Spring 2024	May 6, 2024	June 12, 2023	Feb. 23, 2024	Jan. 22, 2024

\*In some instances, domestic applications will be accepted after the application deadline. In that case, the program's intake status will remain open.

## Program requirements

Completion of the following courses or equivalents:

- at least 50% in Math 20-1 or Math 20-2 or Math 20-3, and,
- at least 50% in English Language Arts 30-1 or English Language Arts 30-2, and,
- at least 50% in a Grade 11 science

All applicants must demonstrate [English language proficiency](#) prior to admission, including students educated in Canada.

SAIT accepts [high school course equivalents](#) for admission. If you don't meet the requirements, consider [Academic Upgrading](#).

SAIT evaluates international documents for admissions. After you've applied, consider our [international document assessment](#) service if your education is from outside of Canada. SAIT may also accept courses completed at certain [international post-secondary institutions](#).

## Direct entry: four-step process

**Step 1:** Read the program information to see the qualities needed for student success.

**Step 2:** Ensure that you meet all of the admission requirements listed above.

**Step 3:** [Apply to the program](#) and [submit your transcripts](#).

Admission will be extended on a first-qualified, first-offered basis until the program is full.

**Step 4:** Continue to monitor your [application status](#) through [mySAIT.ca](#).

You must [submit final transcripts/grades](#) to show you have completed the courses and met the minimum admission requirements by the transcript deadline or your seat will be rescinded.

This program meets the eligibility criteria for the [Post-Graduation Work Permit program](#) for international students as long as the student is enrolled in the on-campus delivery mode or completes more than 50% of the courses on campus (for the blended option). International students attending all classes online will NOT be eligible for a Post-Graduate Work Permit. International students are responsible for maintaining their eligibility throughout their studies.

## Communication during admission

Email is the primary source of communication during the selection process. Ensure your personal email account is managed appropriately to receive our emails, files and communications. We recommend you add the [transportation.info@sait.ca](mailto:transportation.info@sait.ca) domain to your safe senders' list or you risk missing critical email messages.

## When do classes start?

Classes for this program adhere to the following year start and end dates based on the semester the student begins their program.

Classes begin	Year start date	Year-end date
Spring 2022	May 9, 2022	Dec. 16, 2022
Fall 2022	Sept. 6, 2022	April 28, 2023
Winter 2023	Jan. 9, 2023	Aug. 18, 2023
Spring 2023	May 8, 2023	Dec. 16, 2023
Fall 2023	Sept. 5, 2023	April 26, 2024

## Costs 2022/23

### Domestic tuition and fees

Cost per credit: \$202

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees*	Total
1	2	\$6,060	\$916	\$553	\$7,529
2	2	\$6,060	\$916	\$553	\$7,529

### International tuition and fees

Cost per credit: \$634.37

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees*	Total
1	2	\$19,031.10	\$916	\$553	\$20,500.10
2	2	\$19,031.10	\$916	\$553	\$20,500.10

\*Maximum fee. Actual fees may be less and are based on the number of credits a student takes per semester and whether they opt-out of health and dental benefits.

## SAIT fees

- Campus athletic and recreation fee: \$196
- Universal transit pass (Upass): \$320
- Student support fee: \$200
- Student technology fee: \$200

## Saitsa fees

### Student Association fee

- Maximum: \$291

This is the maximum amount the student will pay. Actual fees may be less and are based on the number of credits the students take per semester.

## Health and dental fees

- Health plan: \$127
- Dental plan: \$135

Students with existing health and/or dental plans can opt-out. Please refer to [Saitsa's website](#) for information.

## Books and supplies\*

Books and supplies are approximately \$450 per year.

The required tools will cost approximately \$2,000 - \$5,000 (depending on the quality and brand of tools chosen) for the first year and \$250 for the second year.

For an estimate of the costs associated with purchasing a computer that meets the program's hardware and software requirements, see our [computers and laptops page](#).

Learn more about [tuition and financial aid](#).

\*Tuition, fees, books and supply costs are subject to change.