



Pre-employment Automotive Service Technician

Prepare for an automotive service apprenticeship with hands-on skills in preventative maintenance, basic diagnosis and repairs on cars and light-duty trucks.

This 12-week program provides an alternative entry into the automotive repair industry. Acquire the skills to perform preventative maintenance, basic diagnosis, and repairs on cars and light-duty trucks. You will learn about the systems in today's vehicles utilizing state-of-the-art tools and equipment.

Hands-on practice includes safety and tools; alignments; suspension and steering; brake service; electrical; and basic maintenance.

Is this the right fit for me?

Students who have taken automotive mechanics in high school and achieved higher marks in previous secondary or post-secondary schooling may experience greater success in the Pre-Employment Automotive Service Technician program.

Credential

After successfully completing this program, graduates will receive a SAIT certificate and have completed the first-period Automotive Service Technician apprenticeship technical training.

Graduates may be eligible to write the first period Alberta Trades Qualification exam.

Admission requirements

Application dates

Applications are accepted until the program start date but are subject to change.

- **Winter 2023 start:** applications for winter 2023 open March 30, 2022.

Program requirements

The entrance requirements will be at least 50% in the following courses or equivalents:

- English Language Arts 30-1 or English Language Arts 30-2,
- Math 20-1 or Math 20-2 or Math 20-3 or Pure Math 20 or Applied Math 20,
- One Grade 11 Science.

A pass mark in the [SAIT Admission Examination \(level 4\)](#) or equivalent is accepted in lieu of the above requirements.

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.

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 Pre-Employment Automotive Service Technician and [submit your transcripts and/or anticipated final grades](#).

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

Step 4: Find out how to monitor your application status [after you apply](#).

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 domain to your safe senders' list or you risk missing critical email messages.

Costs 2022/23

Domestic tuition and fees

Cost per credit: \$511

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees*	Total
1	1	\$6,132	\$149	n/a	\$6,281

SAIT fees

- Campus athletic and recreation fee: \$49
- Universal transit pass (Upass): n/a
- Student support fee: \$50
- Student technology fee: \$50

This program is eligible for [Canada Alberta Job Grant funding](#)

Saitsa fees

Student Association fees

Students registered in pre-employment programs do not pay student association fees.

Health and dental fees

Students registered in pre-employment programs are not eligible for health and dental plans.

Books and supplies*

Books and supplies are approximately \$1,000 per full-time 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.