



Achieving ASE Certification for Automotive Training Programs



ASE is the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, a non-profit organization established in 1972 by the automotive industry to improve the quality of vehicle repair and service through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive service professionals. Contact ASE at www.ase.com.



NATEF, the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, is a separate non-profit foundation within the ASE organization. NATEF is responsible for the automotive program evaluation process, and makes recommendations for ASE program certification based on the evaluation.



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NATEF: Improving Programs through Certification

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES/STANDARDS

The motor vehicle repair industry has taken on a new sophistication. It requires advanced technical training and computer literacy. Today's automotive technician must have

- thorough knowledge of automotive systems and components
- good computer skills
- excellent communication skills
- above average mechanical aptitude
- good reasoning ability
- ability to read and follow instructions
- manual dexterity

To help vocational educators recruit, mentor, and train tomorrow's technicians, the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) offers certification for technician training programs. The purpose of the automotive technician training certification program is to improve the quality of training offered at secondary and post-secondary, public and proprietary schools.

Programs can earn ASE certification upon the recommendation of the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF), which was founded to develop, encourage, and improve automotive technician education. NATEF examines the structure and resources of training programs and evaluates them against standards of quality. NATEF's precise national standards reflect the skills that students must master. ASE certification through NATEF evaluation ensures that certified training programs meet or exceed industry-recognized, uniform standards of excellence. The State Departments of Education in all 50 states support ASE certification of automotive programs.

BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION

Certification of an automotive training program brings with it program credibility, prestige, recognition, and overall program improvement. The certification process benefits everyone: schools, students, future employers, and the automotive service industry. Specific benefits of program certification are noted below:

For schools, program certification:

- Increases potential for funding from public and corporate sources
- Provides a mechanism for recruiting students based on demonstrated program excellence

For students:

- Provides a means of identifying quality programs meeting national standards
- Ensures that training received is current, complete, and applicable

For employers:

- Ensures a pool of well-trained, entry-level technicians
- Encourages involvement with the schools through the advisory committee

For the automotive service industry:

- Encourages respect for professions within automotive service
- Increases professionalism within the industry

PROGRAM CERTIFICATION PROCESS



Program Self Evaluation

The certification process begins with an extensive self-evaluation performed by training program instructors, administrators, and advisory committee members. Members of this group compare the program to national standards, and have the opportunity to make improvements before submitting evaluation documents to NATEF.

NATEF Review

Self-evaluation materials are then sent to NATEF, where they are reviewed to determine if the program qualifies for an on-site team evaluation.

On-Site Evaluation

If the program qualifies, an Evaluation Team Leader (ETL), an educator certified by ASE and trained by NATEF, is assigned to the program, and an on-site visit is scheduled.

Recommendation for Certification

When industry requirements are met, the program will become certified for a period of five years.

AREAS OF CERTIFICATION

- Automobile
- Collision Repair and Refinish
- Medium/Heavy Duty Truck

