

Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Accreditation

Programs of Study: Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair and Automotive Collision Repair

Accrediting Organization: ASE (National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence) Education Foundation

Why?

There is work involved in being accredited, but the benefits are substantial for the students:

- Students in an ASE accredited program can work in a shop (under a car) before the age of 18.
- Manufacturers donate more equipment and parts to ASE accredited programs.
- Accreditation improves the status of the program at the school and in the community.
- The school is recognized for career-preparedness.
- The requirements of accreditation help the teachers maintain the standards for the students.
- Accreditation helps the students get onto a successful career path since employers hire the students more confidently.

Description

The ASE Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that evaluates and accredits entry-level automotive technology education programs against standards developed by the automotive service industry. It also develops career-readiness education for students which fuse local partnerships, rigorous standard-based education, workplace experience, and mentorship together.

Information

Information on ASE accreditation is available at <https://www.aseeducationfoundation.org/program-accreditation>

The purpose of accreditation is to validate a school's automotive service program(s)—the structure, processes, resources, materials, and mission. ASE Education Foundation performs a thorough, strategic review and offers accreditation to programs that meet the requirements of the industry's instructional standards.

Cost

Typical cost to become accredited is around \$1,750. This includes the application fee, additional fees, honorarium for the evaluating team, and costs of hosting the evaluation team. The application fee is due with the completed application.

Renewal is required every five years. Typical cost of accreditation renewal is around \$1,250.

Quick Facts

There is a five step process to become accredited.

1. **Get Started** – Review requirements and program standards. School and program confirm that the program should be accredited.
2. **Program Self-Evaluation** – Program conducts an extensive self-evaluation and prepares to be evaluated.
3. **ASE Education Foundation Review** – ASE will review the application and self-evaluation.
4. **On-Site Evaluation** - Program hosts the visiting evaluation team on site.
5. **Program Accreditation & Ongoing Reviews** – Accreditation lasts for 5 years before renewal is needed.

Collaboration is at the core of the accreditation process—successful programs are built on a healthy exchange between educators, experts, students, and community. A strong advisory committee helps support each program successfully bridge the gap between real world needs and classroom activities. An ASE Education Foundation Field Manager is also available, to guide programs through the process.

Accreditation Owner and Registration

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Resources

Schools and programs have access to these resources to assist with accreditation:

- Application, information, and self-evaluation guide are available at <https://www.aseeducationfoundation.org/resources>
- ASE Education Foundation Manger: Michael Batchelor (205) 269-2236
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- Department of Education Career Cluster Program Manager – contact information for programs already accredited.