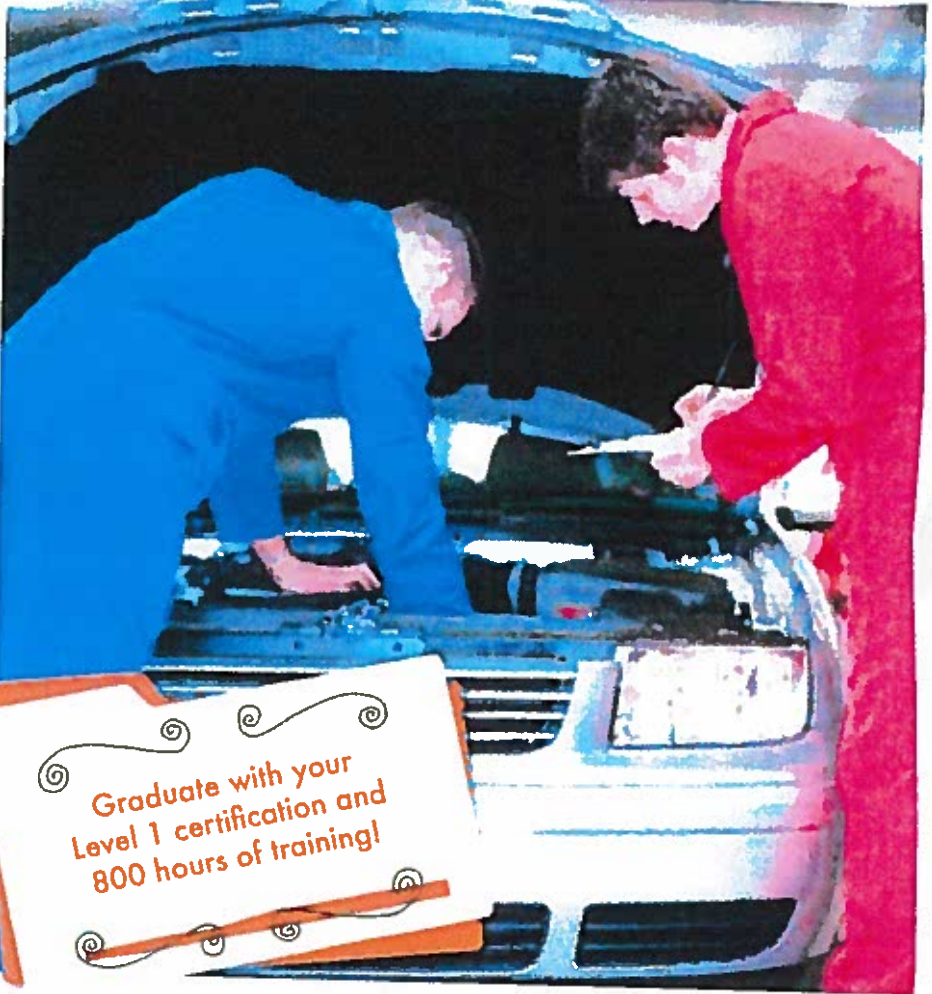


# ACE IT

## Automotive Service Technician



# Program Overview

The ACE IT AST Program is offered in partnership between the Sunshine Coast School District and Vancouver Island University (VIU). The program provides a unique opportunity to work under a certified Mechanic while gaining course credit towards graduation. Instructors from VIU oversee the program and give credit for work completed so that when students complete the program, they have also gained their "Automotive Service Technician Level 1" as recognized by the Industry Trades Authority (ITA).

## Minimum Application Requirements

- Completion of Grade 10 courses
- Strong math skills
- Mature
- Team Player
- Pass VIU academic assessment
- Good attendance
- Recommendation by school staff



## Application Process:

Interested students complete the district ACE IT application package and submit to school counselor.

ACE IT program staff review applications.

Potential applicants will be contacted for interview.

Applicants must pass academic assessment for registration with Vancouver Island University.

**Admission to program requires a \$350.00 registration fee to cover the costs of materials kept by students.**

For more information, see the Ministry of Education Workplace Program Guides @ [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/irp\\_wkpl.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/irp_wkpl.htm)

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## Skills covered during the program



### Work Experience

Participation in this program will include:

- Four weeks' industry experience
- Gain useful employability skills
- Understand a safe workplace



### Technical Skills

A sample of skills you will learn:

- Use of hand and diagnostic tools
- General auto maintenance
- Service different car systems



### Professional Practice

Understandings include:

- Describe personal safety practices
- WHMIS training
- Business practice

## Automotive Service Technician

Held at Chatelech Secondary School

Note: 50% of course work is outside of the timetable

## About ACE IT

ACE IT (or Accelerated Credit Enrollment in Industry Training) offers the ability for students to begin work experience and training in a certified trade while still in Secondary School. Overseen by the Industry Trades Authority ([www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca)), students complete their work under the supervision of a "Red Seal" certified Mechanic and Vancouver Island University instructor.



Students will complete six courses towards graduation (24 credits). These include: AST 12 A, B, C, D, and Work Experience 12A, and 12B. Students require at least 50% to pass these courses. Students who complete the program with over 70% will receive credit from Vancouver Island University, their Level 1 certification and work-based hours recognized by the ITA.

The Ministry of Education recognizes that this program provides a valuable transition for students as they move into the working world:

"The goals of ACE IT include:

- Provide students with a smooth transition from school to work
- Enhance students' existing trade-specific job-readiness skills, or providing opportunities for the development of new skills
- Provide students with the opportunity to obtain a Level 1 technical training certification in a given trade
- Assist in preparing students to enter the world of work with the skills attitudes, and sense of responsibility necessary to be successful"

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