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Automotive Service Technician (AST)

STEPS TO BECOMING AN “A.S.E. CERTIFIED” AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN:

STEP 1: Complete a two-year AST training program.

Ozarka College’s *Associate of Applied Science in Automotive Service Technology* (https://www.ozarka.edu/program_details.cfm?prg_cod=0230) is a 2 year degree program that guides students in mastery of foundational knowledge and skills across the 8 major automotive service areas. Passing the NATEF exams (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation) —the “final exam” for the AST program— validates a student’s competence to be successful in the automotive service industry. The AAS AST and passing the NATEF exams are valuable employment credentials.

STEP 2: In addition to the AAS AST, complete a minimum of one year of on-the-job training in an automotive service position.

STEP 3: Apply to A.S.E. to take one or more of the A.S.E. certification exams (<http://www.ase.com/Tests.aspx>)

ABOUT Automotive Service Technician Certification:

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence sets the industry standards for certification as an Automotive Service Technician. “ASE Certification provides standards of knowledge the industry agrees upon and a way to identify those above-average individuals most employers are looking for.” (<http://www.ase.com/News-Events/Community/Blogs/The-New-Blue/October-2014/Why-ASE-Certification-Was-Created.aspx>)

Why should I pursue A.S.E. certification?

- To improve earnings potential in the automotive service industry
- To increase job opportunities in a variety of automotive service areas

How much do A.S.E. certification exams cost?

- \$37 per service area exam , \$74 each for advanced level exams (<http://www.ase.com/About-ASE/FAQs/Prices-Refunds-and-Credits.aspx>)

Where are the tests given?

- The NATEF exams (part of Ozarka’s AAS AST program) are conducted in the Ozarka College testing center in Melbourne
- Test centers for the A.S.E. certification exams are located in Little Rock, Jonesboro and Russellville (<http://www.ase.com/Tests/ASE-Certification-Tests/Test-Centers/Find-a-Test-Center.aspx?Address=72560&d=150&sc=us>)

How can I best prepare for the tests?

- Mastering the skills and knowledge in the AAS AST program, studying your books, practicing your skills
- A.S.E. provides practice tests and study guides (<http://www.ase.com/About-ASE/FAQs/Test-Prep-and-Training.aspx#1>)