You've learned the skills. You have the knowledge. NOW GO FOR THE INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION . . .

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 *(https://www.ase.com/tests)*

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." *(https://www.ase.com/about-ase/)*

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?

- $36 per service area exam , $90 each for advanced level exams *(https://www.ase.com/dates-fees-test-times)*

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 *(https://www.ase.com/test-centers-1)*

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 *(https://www.ase.com/test-prep-and-training)*