

Automotive Mechanics

Early Admissions Academy

Instructor: Todd Hills

Credits: 27.5

Location: Calmar, IT Building

Entry: Fall Semester

The Automotive Mechanics Early Admissions Academy is designed for students who are detail orientated, enjoy working in hands-on environments and are able to troubleshoot complex mechanical problems. The academy consists of a sequence of concurrent courses that can be used towards degree completion in the Automotive Mechanics program.

Fall 2026	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUT:102 Intro to Auto Tech Aug. 20 - Aug. 28	7:15 am - 12:15 pm	7 am - Noon	7:15 am - 12:15 pm	7 am - Noon	7:15 am - 12:15 pm
AUT: 616 Auto Electrical Systems Aug. 31 - Oct. 15	7:15 am - 12:15 pm	7 am - Noon	7:15 am - 12:15 pm	7 am - Noon	7:15 am - 12:15 pm
AUT: 503 Automotive Brakes Systems Oct. 16 - Nov. 11	7:15 am - 12:15 pm	7 am - Noon	7:15 am - 12:15 pm	7 am - Noon	7:15 am - 12:15pm
AUT:404 Auto Suspension & Steering Nov. 12 - Dec. 16	7:15 am - 12:15 pm	7 am - Noon	7:15 am - 12:15 pm	7 am - Noon	7:15 am - 12:15 pm
Spring 2027	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEL:330 Welding Fundamentals Jan. 11 - May 11	7:30 - 8:25 am		7:30 - 8:25 am		
AUT: 248 Auto Drive Trains Jan. 7 - Feb. 19	8:30 am - Noon	7:30 am - Noon	8:30 am -Noon	7:30 am - Noon	7:30 am - Noon
AUT: 204 Automatic Transmissions/ Transaxle Service Feb. 22 - April 6	8:30 am - Noon	7:30 am - Noon	8:30 am -Noon	7:30 am - Noon	7:30 am - Noon
AUT:704 Auto Heating & Air Conditioning April 7 - May 11	8:30 am - Noon	7:30 am - Noon	8:30 am -Noon	7:30 am - Noon	7:30 am - Noon



ACADEMY CHECKLIST

Orientation

- ☐ Attend a mandatory orientation to meet your instructor(s) and learn student expectations.
- ☐ Discuss program logistics with Kelli Smutzler, Enrollment Advisor for the Automotive Mechanics Program.

Contact Kelli at smutzlerk@nicc.edu or 563.562.3263, ext. 1214.

NICC Student Accounts

- ☐ Log in to your MyCampus account.
mycampus.nicc.edu
- ☐ In MyCampus, search for Brightspace. Log in to Brightspace to access your course(s).

College and Career Connection

- ☐ Complete the College and Career Connection application to participate in Career Exploration and Work-Based Learning events.

Meet with Your College and Career Coach

- ☐ Assist you with accessing your student accounts and college resources.
- ☐ Confirm your enrollment in the upcoming semester's academy course(s).
- ☐ Discuss program completion opportunities and Iowa's Last-Dollar Scholarship.

nicc.edu/scholarships

Academic Performance

- ☐ Review the course syllabus on Brightspace.
- ☐ Maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average.

REMINDERS:

- **Attendance.** Attendance is critical and absences may not be approved.
- **Transportation.** You are responsible for travel to and from academy courses.
- **Academic Calendar.** Your course(s) will follow the College's academic calendar for start/end dates and breaks.
- **Weather & Campus Closure Policy.** Understand your instructor's inclement weather and cancellation policy.
- **Student Accounts.** Log in to MyCampus > Self-Service to access your personal account information.
- **Registration Deadlines.** Be aware of your school district's registration timeline.
- **Textbooks & Supplies.** Confirm with your counselor what textbooks and supplies you are responsible to obtain for your course.
- **Withdrawal Policy.** Know the College's last day to withdraw from your course(s) and related high school policies.