MORE THAN 5.5 MILLION VEHICLES ARE REGISTERED IN THE GREATER HOUSTON AREA.

OVER 30,000 AUTOMOTIVE, BUS, TRUCK, DIESEL, AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANICS WILL BE NEEDED BY 2026

VEHICLES (NEW OR USED) ALWAYS REQUIRE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.

A rewarding career in one of Houston’s thriving industries could be yours in just two years.

WHAT ARE YOU UP FOR?

- You enjoy WORKING WITH YOUR HANDS and SOLVING PROBLEMS.
- You like STAYING CURRENT with changes in TECHNOLOGY.
- You like to be ACTIVE and don’t want to sit at a desk.
- You are MECHANICALLY INCLINED and curious about AUTOMOBILES.
- You are CUSTOMER ORIENTED and ENJOY A CHALLENGE.

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CAREERS IN TRANSPORTATION INCLUDE...

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN
Average Annual Salary: $47,000
$15-$39/hour
Certificate or On-the-Job Training
Conducts diagnostic procedures to determine the sources of customers’ problems and provides accurate repair recommendations. Tasks include routine maintenance, conducting necessary repairs, replacing malfunctioning parts, and taking vehicles for test drives to verify soundness.

COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVER
Average Annual Salary: $43,000
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DIESEL SERVICE TECHNICIAN
Average Annual Salary: $50,000
$19-$34/hour
Certificate or On-the-Job Training
Reads and interprets diagnostic test results from diagnostic equipment. Repairs or replaces malfunctioning components, parts, and other mechanical or electrical equipment. Performs routine maintenance tasks.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS
Average Annual Salary: $52,000
$19-$39/hour
Certificate or On-the-Job Training
Drives or controls construction equipment including bulldozers, forklifts, back hoes, dump trucks, cargo trucks, and hydraulic truck cranes. Assists in the construction of structures including bridges, roads, and buildings.

COLLISION REPAIR TECHNICIAN
Average Annual Salary: $41,000
$12-$33/hour
Certificate or On-the-Job Training
Analyzes, assesses, and estimates damages to vehicles. Estimates damage; straighten and repairs dents; mixes and matches paint colors, and paints and refinishes vehicles.

Sources: Greater Houston Partnership, Society for Human Resource Management, Texas Workforce Commission

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