

Automotive Certificate, Automotive Diploma and Automotive Apprenticeship information

1. What is an Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeship is a work based post-secondary training program that leads to a Certificate of Qualification in a skilled trade. Most trade programs take 2-4 years to complete and they combine approximately 80 percent paid-on-the job training with 20 percent technical training in the classroom. The Automotive Apprenticeship consist of 4 levels. See link for details:

[Province of Manitoba | wd - Manitoba Trades](#)

2. What is the Automotive Technician Certificate Program?

The Automotive Certificate Program is a pre-employment program, which also gives you the opportunity to get *Level 1* Apprenticeship accreditation with an overall Program GPA of 3.0 or higher (70% or higher).

[Automotive Technician-Certificate - Overview :: Red River College Program & Course Catalogue \(rrc.ca\)](#)

3. What is a Level 1 Accreditation?

Level 1 accreditation makes you eligible to receive credit for Level 1 technical training, as well as credit for 900 practical/shop hours.

4. Am I a Level 1 Apprentice once I graduate from the Automotive Technician Certificate Program?

No, providing you meet the criteria, you are Level 1 accredited, but you are not a Level 1 Apprentice.

You must be enrolled into the Apprenticeship program to become an apprentice.

5. What is the Automotive Technician Diploma Program?

The Automotive Technician Diploma Program is a second-year Automotive Program, supplementing the Certificate Program and specializing in further developing an electrical and electronic knowledge base, as well as engine management, among other topics. As in the Certificate Program, this program gives you the opportunity for *Level 2* Apprenticeship Accreditation with an overall program GPA of 3.0 or higher (70% or higher).

[Automotive Technician-Diploma - Overview :: Red River College Program & Course Catalogue \(rrc.ca\)](#)

6. What is a Level 2 Accreditation?

Level 2 accreditation makes you eligible to receive credit for Level 1 + 2 technical training AND 1180 practical/shop hours total.

7. Am I a Level 2 Apprentice once I graduate from the Automotive Technician Diploma Program?

No, providing you meet the criteria, you are Level 2 accredited, but you are not a Level 2 Apprentice.

You must be enrolled into the apprenticeship program to become an apprentice.

8. How many levels of Apprenticeship is there?

There are 4 levels of Automotive Apprenticeship. Each level requires 1800 practical hours (paid-on-the-job training or Educational Institution practical accreditation hours) and a technical training (classroom) portion, for a total of 7200 practical hours. To become a Red Seal Journeyperson, you will need to successfully complete all 4 levels.

[Province of Manitoba | wd - Automotive Service Technician](#)

9. How does Manitoba Apprenticeship know I am accredited for Level 1 or Level 2?

The accreditation is on your Automotive Technician Certificate and Diploma transcript, which you need to submit when applying for your apprenticeship.

10. How does my College Accreditation work with Apprenticeship Manitoba?

You require 1800 practical (on the job) hours to complete each level of apprenticeship. As an example, if you complete the Certificate program with a level 1 accreditation, you will be eligible to receive credit for your level 1 technical training and 900 practical hours and you complete the remaining 900 practical hours for level 1 once you are registered as an apprentice.

The same goes for your Diploma Level 2 Accreditation. With a level 2 accreditation, you are eligible to receive credit for your level 1 + 2 technical training and 1180 practical hours total and then you would work on first accumulating 620 more practical hours (as a registered apprentice) to complete level 1 and then continue accumulating practical hours for level 2, once you are registered as an apprentice.

11. How can I get enrolled into the Apprenticeship Program?

You will need to find employment with an employer that is registered with Apprenticeship Manitoba to be able to complete your Apprenticeship with them. Then you apply for your Apprenticeship Program, see link below for online instructions and application form:

[Province of Manitoba | wd - Apply for Your Apprenticeship \(gov.mb.ca\)](#)

Please note, the employer will need to complete their portion on the application/contract and agree to the apprenticeship.

*** If you find an employer that you really want to work for and they are not registered with Apprenticeship Manitoba, it can be arranged, providing they want to and that they meet the criteria

12. Does my Accreditation expire? And if so, how long is it valid for?

Yes, your Red River College Accreditation will expire in 2 years less 1 day after your RRC Polytech program graduation date. You will need to be enrolled into the apprenticeship program within 2 years of graduating to be able to use your Accreditation.

If your accreditation does expire, you will start over from Level 1 again.

13. I am an International Student; how can I apply for an Apprenticeship?

Everything applies the same, except, you need to have a Permanent Resident (PR) status to be able to go to the College for technical (theory) training.

You can, however, already apply for apprenticeship while you are still working towards and/or waiting for your PR application to be approved, which allows you to start accumulating practical apprenticeship hours prior to having your PR status.

14. Do I need to take the Automotive Certificate Program to get a job as an apprenticing Automotive Technician?

No. If an employer is willing to hire you as an Apprentice without any prior trade's training/education, they are welcome to do so.

For further questions and/or details, please contact the Apprenticeship Manitoba Automotive Coordinator:

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