

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE

### North Suburban Region

- Bachelor of Science in Automotive Technology

Southern Illinois University Carbondale has informed the Illinois Board of Higher Education of its intent to offer the Bachelor of Science in Automotive Technology at Truman College in Region 1.

The Bachelor of Science in Automotive Technology is designed to provide in-depth automotive technical expertise, written and oral communication skills, and management and supervisory procedures. The program builds on previous technical training received from technical institutes, community colleges, proprietary institutions, industry-related training programs, and the military. The program requires 125-semester hours of course work, including 41 hours of general education. The automotive related portion of the curriculum includes 36-semester hours of upper-division courses in automotive technology, retail management, fiscal management, customer relations personnel management, marketing, computing, technical writing, business communications, and finance. The curriculum requirements for this program are the same as the on-campus requirements for transfer students. Completing this curriculum will familiarize the student with the latest technology and management issues encountered in the automotive service industry.

The program is designed to provide baccalaureate-level degree opportunities not previously available to students with an interest in automotive management who have completed an associate degree in automotive technology. The expansion to off-campus allows place-bound students the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate degree while remaining in the Chicago area. The automotive technology major core courses will be delivered over a 12-month, three semester period in a weekend format. Students will attend classes on the weekends because their jobs and other responsibilities prohibit them from attending classes during the week. Students will complete their university core curriculum (general education) courses at other accredited colleges or universities in the local area and transfer those credits to SIUC. A Memorandum of Understanding and Facilities Use Agreement have been developed with Truman College and arrangements have been made for students to have access to appropriate resources.

The University estimates that beginning with the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of operation, approximately 14 full-time and 8 part-time students will enroll at this site annually for a total of 18 FTE. The program is expected to award 18 degrees annually.

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