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Southwest Wisconsin
TECHNICAL COLLEGE



PISTONS TO PATHWAYS



2026 - 27 - AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN DEALERSHIP ACADEMIES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2026 - MAY 19, 2027

Final course before winter break: December 16. Course will resume on January 6.

Wednesday evening face-to-face automotive classes
are held at the following dealerships:

Fillback Family of Dealerships - Boscobel, Prairie du Chien and Richland Center

Pioneer Ford - Platteville

REQUIRED VIRTUAL ORIENTATION: WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 | 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM



Do you love problem solving and diverse work?
Are you detail-oriented and ambitious?

Take the first step towards this rewarding career by enrolling in Pistons to Pathways as a high school junior or senior! If you possess these attributes and you love cars and trucks, you may have what it takes to pursue a career as an auto technician.

- Mechanically inclined
- Good reading and math skills
- Enjoy hands-on work
- Get along well with others
- Think logically
- Pay attention to details
- Be able to lift 50 pounds

You will earn both high school and college credit! You may also enroll in the CESA #3 Youth Apprenticeship Program for a work-based learning experience to enhance the skills learned in the classroom. Contact:

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COURSES

JUNIOR OR SENIOR YEAR

Automotive Maintenance (32-404-314 / 3 credits)

Students perform routine maintenance of the automobile including new and used car preparation, fluid checks and service, interior and exterior considerations, replacing filters and small parts, repairing tires, replacing belts, replacing wiper blades, and other repairs to maintain acceptable automobile performance.

TEXTBOOKS FOR PISTONS TO PATHWAYS

Students will need to order their textbooks through the Southwest Tech Bookstore website. To ensure books arrive in time for the first night of class, we strongly recommend placing orders in July or early August. Once students are officially registered for the Pistons to Pathways course, they will receive detailed step-by-step instructions on how to order their books.

If students are taking the course through Youth Apprenticeship (YA) or Start College Now (SCN), their textbook costs will be covered by CESA 3 or their school district.

After high school, you may continue into the Automotive Technician program at Southwest Tech.