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Northwest Iowa Community College's Automotive Service Programs Receive National Recertification

The Automotive Service Programs at Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC) were recently recertified by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). Recertification has been awarded to NCC's Automotive Service programs in the following areas: Engine Repair, Automatic Transmission/Transaxle, Manual Drive Train and Axles, Suspension and Steering, Brakes, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Heating and Air Conditioning, and Engine Performance.

To achieve this coveted recognition, the school's automotive training program underwent rigorous evaluation by NATEF. Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities, and equipment were used.

"This is great news for automotive-minded young people and their parents," said Donald Seyfer, NATEF Chair. "Because this program increases cooperation between local education and industry leaders, it gives added assurance that NCC's graduates will be employable entry-level technicians. As a result of the quality education provided by NCC, the motoring public will benefit since better repair technicians will join the work force." Upon completion of the evaluation, NATEF recommended that NCC be reaccredited by The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). ASE is a national non-profit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians, in addition to accrediting automotive training programs.

Mark Steinle, NCC Automotive Instructor said, "This recertification assures our students that they are receiving a quality nationally certified auto education program. Students can also be assured they will become auto technicians according to standards set by the NATEF and ASE that represent the best training practices of the automotive industry."

The automotive programs are now certified for a period of five years, after which they will be reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet industry standards and to adjust to the latest technological advances in the rapidly changing automotive world.

In 2013, NCC's Automotive Program was voted one of the top 4 Automotive Programs in the nation by the *Tomorrow's Tech* 2013 School of the Year Contest, sponsored by O'Reilly Auto Parts and WIX Filters. This honor recognizes NCC's Automotive Program as being part of an elite group of automotive programs in the United States.

For more information on NCC's Automotive programs or to find out more about any of NCC's more than forty programs of study contact the Admissions Office at studentservices@nwicc.edu , call 800-352-4907 or 324-5061, or visit our website at www.nwicc.edu. At NCC There's a Place For You!