

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 3.7      North Central State College, Associate of Applied Science degree in Automotive Technology

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED: upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

North Central State College, Associate of Applied Science degree in  
Automotive Technology

## **BACKGROUND**

### **NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE**

Associate of Applied Science degree in Automotive Technology

Pioneer Career & Technology Center representatives and North Central State College has collaborated in an effort to provide high school students a Tech Prep 2+2 educational program that would prepare students for career opportunities in automotive technology. This program would encourage students to remain in this rural area as they would be able to earn a professional living wage and reduce the number of high school graduates who leave the area for better paying jobs.

New technology and electronics has influenced the automotive industry as numerous functions of a vehicle are computerized. Today's automotive technician needs to be trained to service the electronics and microprocessor controls on today's vehicles, be able to collect data, diagnose and repair today's changing and challenging systems.

Pioneer Career & Technology Center has extended the use of its automotive lab to North Central for hands-on experience and lab work required for the course completion. Local automotive dealers have indicated their support through co-op programs, the loan of their facilities and equipment for classroom lectures and lab course work.

A U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics report indicates that the projected current shortage of auto repair technicians will only increase as automobiles will have more computerized systems.

Graduates of the Automotive Technology program will find career opportunities as service and repair technicians, service and parts managers, service writers, insurance claims adjuster and others.