



June 13, 2024

President Annebelle Nery
Santa Ana College
1530 W 17th Street
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Dear President Nery,

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) recently concluded the cycle four baccalaureate degree program (BDP) application program compliance and quality review process (see the scoring rubric for further details). The CCCCCO is pleased to announce that Santa Ana College's proposed BDP in Automotive Technology has been granted **provisional approval** status.

A program is provisionally approved based on the criteria listed below:

- 1) Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Approval: Your proposed program is pending ACCJC approval.
- 2) Program Quality Review: Your college has passed the CCCCCO program quality review, including legislated requirements.
- 3) Program Duplication Review: Your program is pending intersegmental program duplication review.
- 4) Board of Governors (BOG) Approval: Your program has not yet received BOG approval.

Your program can move from **provisional approval** to full approval after it is approved by ACCJC, reviewed by intersegmental partners, and finally approved by the Board of Governors President (presented to the full BOG). The following outlines the next steps:

Step	Action	Date
1	CO sends applications to CSU, UC and AICCU	June
2	CSU/UC completes "Expedited Review" of approved eligible proposals	July



3	• CSU/UC completes “Streamlined Review” of similar curriculum proposals	August
4	• CSU/UC completes “Full Review” of new programs	August
5	○ If needed, neutral 3 rd party reviews duplication objections	September - October
6	○ Academic Senates review 3 rd party assessments	November
7	Campus-to-Campus Consultations	December - January
End	Notice of approval	January

Depending on review type (expedited, streamlined, or full), it is anticipated your program will be submitted to the BOG President for approval in either September or January and will be presented to the full BOG at their subsequent meeting (this is a tentative schedule subject to change).

The CCCCCO encourages Santa Ana College to pursue the substantive change application process with ACCJC and send an ACCJC substantive change approval letter, when available, to BDP@cccco.edu. ACCJC approval is required for full program approval and program implementation.

For more information, including feedback on your application, please review the attached scoring summary sheet.

Please direct any questions or concerns you may have about your application status to BDP@cccco.edu.

Sincerely,

John Stankas, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs
Equitable Student Learning, Experience, and Impact Office

Attachments (2):

1. BDP Application Scoring Summary Sheet
2. BDP Application Scoring Rubric

Chancellor's Office

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Program Summary

New Program: B.S. Degree: Automotive Technology

Award Type B.S. Degree

Description

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The baccalaureate degree in Automotive Technology is designed to prepare students for employment at original equipment manufacturers (OEM), such as, but not limited to, Stellantis, General Motors, Ford Motor Company, Subaru, Mercedes-Benz, Hyundai, Honda, Toyota, Cummins, International, and Volvo. Additionally, the program prepares students for other senior technical, leadership, and managerial opportunities at local dealerships, repair facilities, diagnostic tool companies, medium/heavy-duty maintenance repair facilities, and as educators in public or private sectors. Technical, hands-on instruction on modern automobiles and other vehicles is at the core of the program, accompanied by coursework to attain various skills required for employment at automobile manufacturer companies, dealerships, and other service/repair facilities.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate proficient knowledge of advanced mechanical and electrical systems found on modern automobiles and other vehicles as designated by Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) standards and guidelines.
2. Students will demonstrate career and technical-based skills focused on advanced transportation technologies in preparation for employment at an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) facility or other transportation-related facility.
3. Students will explain the various career options found at original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), transportation repair facilities, or within education sectors and discuss the requirements and expectations needed for successful employment.

Degree Requirements

Technical Course Requirements**Units: 29.0**

AUTO 300	Introduction to Automotive Manufacturers	3.0
AUTO 318	Advanced Engine Performance (L1)	4.0
AUTO 320	Electronic Diesel Engine Diagnosis (L2)	4.0
AUTO 330	Automobile Service Consultant (C1)	3.0
AUTO 340	Alternative Fuels (F1/H1)	3.0
AUTO 350	Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (L4)	4.0
AUTO 360	Light Duty Hybrid/Electric Vehicles (L3)	4.0
AUTO 399	Automotive Work Experience - Technical Skills	4.0

General Education Requirements**Units: 9.0**

CMST 310	Communication and Conflict Resolution	3.0
ENVR 370	Environmental Impacts of Industrial Development	3.0
CMPR 380	SQL Technology	3.0

Advanced Course Requirements**Units: 22.0**

AUTO 400	Transportation Leadership and Management	3.0
AUTO 410	Transportation Supply Chain	3.0
AUTO 420	Transportation Ethics	3.0
AUTO 430	Dealership and Manufacturer Relationship	3.0
AUTO 440	Educators and Technical Trainers	3.0
AUTO 495	Automotive Technology Capstone	3.0
AUTO 499	Automotive Work Experience - Leadership Skills	4.0

Total: 60.0**Approval Dates****CIC Approval Date:**



[EXTERNAL] Re: Santa Ana College Bachelor's Degree Approval Request

From Reyes,Cesar <CReyes@penskeautomotive.com>

Date Tue 8/26/2025 7:50 AM

To Choe,John <John.Choe@penskeautomotive.com>; Roper, David <Roper_David@sac.edu>; Son,Scott <SSon@penskeautomotive.com>

****External****

Good morning Mr. Roper,

I also approve, looks good on my end sir.

~~_____~~
Thank you,

Cesar Reyes

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From: Choe,John <John.Choe@penskeautomotive.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 7:46:28 AM

To: Roper, David <Roper_David@sac.edu>; Reyes,Cesar <CReyes@penskeautomotive.com>; Son,Scott <SSon@penskeautomotive.com>

Subject: RE: Santa Ana College Bachelor's Degree Approval Request

David,

Approved with no revisions

~~_____~~
Thank you

John Choe

Penske Automotive Group
Fixed Operations Director
West Region
Cell (718) 775-6623



From: Roper, David <Roper_David@sac.edu>

Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 6:05 PM

To: Choe,John <John.Choe@penskeautomotive.com>; Reyes,Cesar <creyes@penskeautomotive.com>; Son,Scott <sson@penskeautomotive.com>

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From Cristin Collings <ccollings@ocada.org>

Date Tue 8/26/2025 2:11 PM

To Roper, David <Roper_David@sac.edu>; Kim McPhaul <kmcphaul@cncda.org>

****External****

Hi David,

Thank you for sending this over. Both John Sackrison and I have reviewed the information provided. We approve with no revisions.

Thank you,

Cristin Collings

Director of Development & Programs
OCADA
949-428-5050

From: Roper, David <Roper_David@sac.edu>

Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 6:21 PM

To: Kim McPhaul <kmcphaul@cncda.org>; Cristin Collings <ccollings@ocada.org>

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From Ed Montanez <EMontanez@fjmercedes.com>

Date Sat 8/30/2025 9:35 AM

To Roper, David <Roper_David@sac.edu>

****External****

Hi David,

Sorry for the delay, I reviewed the attached proposal.

Approved with no revisions.

Have a great weekend!

Ed



Ed Montanez

Lead Shop Foreman

Fletcher Jones Motorcars

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From: Roper, David <Roper_David@sac.edu>

Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 6:15 PM

To: julian.anaya@mbusa.com; ibrahim.abusaid@mbusa.com; Ed Montanez <EMontanez@fjmercedes.com>

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From Keith Andreasen <KeithA@innova.com>

Date Tue 8/26/2025 12:37 PM

To Roper, David <Roper_David@sac.edu>

****External****

Approve with no revisions, though I recommend:

~~_____~~
Hard skills — Microsoft Office with emphasis on Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Visio and SharePoint.

I see CMPR 380 SQL Technology, hopefully this includes basic cloud-based graphical analytics such as Tableau.

Respectfully,

Keith Andreasen

Tool Product Manager (TPM)

R&D Department

Innova Electronics Corporation

17352 Von Karman Avenue, Irvine, CA 92614

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From: Roper, David <Roper_David@sac.edu>

Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 6:02 PM

To: Doug Constable <DougC@innova.com>; Keith Andreasen <KeithA@innova.com>; Kevin Garton <Kevin.Garton@innova.com>

Subject: Santa Ana College Bachelor's Degree Approval Request

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Date Tue 8/26/2025 2:19 PM

To Roper, David <Roper_David@sac.edu>

Cc Cristin Collings <ccollings@ocada.org>

****External****

Hi David,

Thank you for your leadership in the creation of this Automotive Technology Bachelor's degree that can be a solid path to teaching, which we so desperately need. This is a win for our industry, and I am especially happy to see that you have included work experience.

Approve with no revisions.

I would also like to ask if you are willing and available to share information about your new degree with other educators and industry professionals? I think the California Automotive Technical Education Alliance (CATEA) conference is a fantastic place to announce it. The CATEA conference will take place at the new ATEP campus in Tustin on October 17-18th. To apply as a presenter please go to <https://www.caautotechalliance.org/> and click the yellow button mid-page.

Thank you!

Kim McPhaul

President | CNCDA Foundation

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From Rich Rader <rrader@tuttleclick.com>
Date Tue 8/26/2025 7:15 AM
To Roper, David <Roper_David@sac.edu>

****External****

David, this is excellent!

Approved with no revisions.



Rich Rader
Fixed Operations Director
Cell: (949) 289-0099
Tuttle-Click Automotive Group



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From: Roper, David <Roper_David@sac.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 6:24 PM
To: Rich Rader <rrader@tuttleclick.com>
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To Roper, David <Roper_David@sac.edu>; Choe,John <John.Choe@penskeautomotive.com>; Reyes,Cesar <CReyes@penskeautomotive.com>

****External****

Morning David,

Approve with no revisions.

Scott Son

General Manager

Audi South Coast

PENSKE Automotive Group

(657) 231-5510 - Direct



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Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 6:05 PM

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From Tim Hamlin <thamlin@occhevy.com>

Date Tue 8/26/2025 8:07 AM

To Roper, David <Roper_David@sac.edu>; Ricardo Perez <rperez@occhevy.com>

****External****

Congrats David! Very exciting! The curriculum as proposed looks robust and covers a lot of ground.

I enthusiastically **Approve with No Revisions**

Best,

Tim Hamlin

714-973-1711



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Subject: External Sender: Santa Ana College Bachelor's Degree Approval Request

Hello Tim and Ricardo,

You have always been great supporters of our programs at Santa Ana College – Thank you! As you may know from previous emails and advisory meetings, Santa Ana College was approved to move forward with creation of a Bachelors of Science degree in Automotive Technology. A lot of thought, time, research, and commitment from faculty/staff, industry advisors (you), and community leaders was involved in creation of this program. Our advisory members approved the initial application, curriculum, outline, and overall need to create a Bachelors degree in Automotive Technology in 2023. Subsequently, the State of California approved our application in June 2024.

We have been working to create a robust degree program that will prepare students for technical, leadership, management, and educator positions with vehicle manufacturers, diagnostic tool companies, automotive dealerships, medium/heavy duty companies, and within private/public education systems. Our goal is to provide students with a program focused on advanced technical skills and preparation for positions in leadership, management, and education.

This is our last step before final approval and implementation to start the BS degree in Fall 2026 (August).

- **Can you please review the attached proposed Bachelors of Science degree in Automotive Technology from Santa Ana College?**
- **Can each of you please reply with one of the following options?**
 1. Approve with no revisions
 2. Approve with revisions – list any recommendations
 3. Denied due to stated reason(s) – list any reason(s)

We appreciate all your assistance, recommendations, support, and commitment to getting this off the ground and completed. As always...THANK YOU!!!

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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