



# Motor Vehicle

Prospectus | Career Guide



**We're here to help you  
get to where you want to be.  
We'll inspire you, increase your  
opportunities and raise  
your ambitions so you're ready  
to take the next step.  
Start here, go anywhere**

**together**

**we are Ayrshire College**



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# Why choose College?

Help with first steps towards your career

Change your career

Access further study at University

Start an apprenticeship

Help to start your own business

Study locally

Excellent facilities

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“ Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life. ”

# Build your future at Ayrshire College.

Our campuses offer modern facilities with exciting learning spaces, to help you learn in a way that suits you. There are social spaces on each campus, including refectories and coffee shops, where you can relax and catch up with friends.



**Modern Learning  
Resource Centres**

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**Coffee Shops  
and Refectories**

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**Training  
Restaurants**

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**Training Hair and  
Beauty Salons**

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**Motor Vehicle  
Garage**

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**Gym and  
Multi-Sport Pitches**

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**Horticulture  
Centre**

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**Aeronautical and  
Engineering Centre**

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**Science Labs**

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**Construction and  
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**Training Hospital  
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**Training Nursery**

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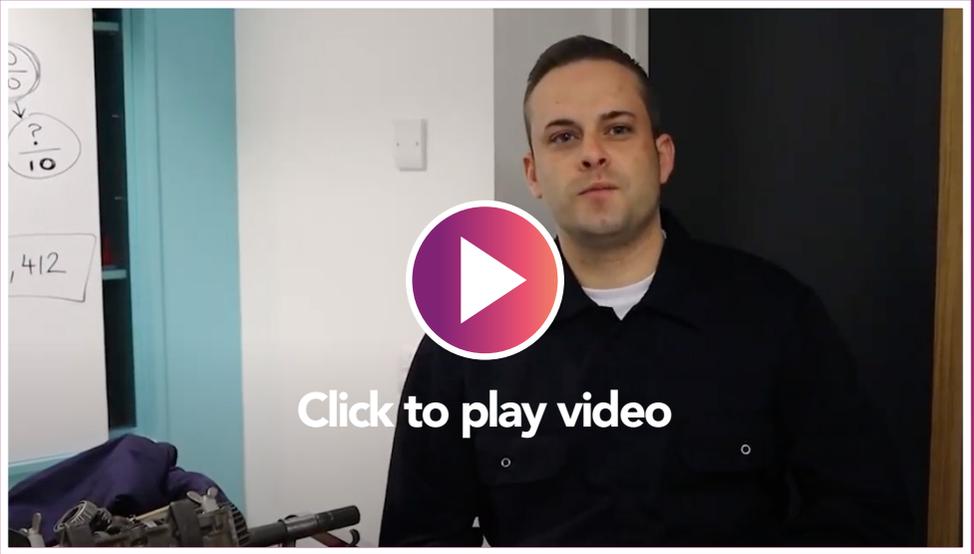
**Recording  
Studio**

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**Photography and  
Broadcasting Studio**

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## Get your Motor Vehicle career moving!

A qualification in motor vehicles ensures your journey starts on the right road to deal with the changing nature of maintenance and repair within the automotive sector.

Quit stalling. Start here.

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Our motor vehicle courses are delivered through the internationally recognised IMI (Institute of the Motor Industry) to give you the skills you need for a great career. You'll have the added benefit of learning in our superb, modern garage facilities which reflect industry standards, including the latest diagnostic equipment.

We are preparing our students for the future. There is a shortage of electric vehicle technicians predicted for 2030, but by starting with us and using the technology and vehicles we have in our garages, you'll play a crucial role in addressing this.

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# Why choose Motor Vehicle?

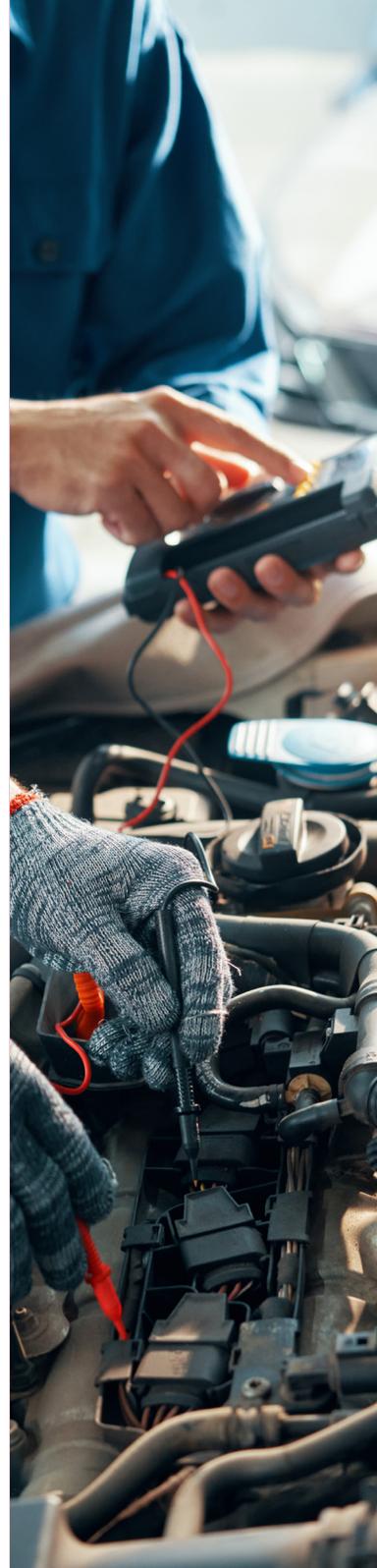
**You'll be helping people.** It's a nightmare when your car breaks down and you can't or don't know how to fix it. You can be a hero to someone by repairing their vehicle.

**Everything is changing.** Advancements in technology are improving the way vehicles perform and how they're repaired – a technician will use modern diagnostic equipment to problem solve faults. There are also ambitious targets set around electric vehicles, so there's an exciting future ahead for the industry.

**Drive your career forward.** The automotive sector gives you the opportunity for development and there's potential for career progression within this developing industry.

**“ There are a wide range of roles within the automotive industry. This means we are looking for different skill sets to meet the demands of industry. Training is important and we ensure our staff update their skills to keep up with the advances in technology so we can meet our customer needs. ”**

Campbell Macleay,  
Managing Director, Macleay Motor Engineering



# Careers

- Light or Heavy Vehicle Service Technician
- Light or Heavy Vehicle Master Technician
- Electric Vehicle Technician
- Vehicle MOT Tester
- Diagnostic Technician
- Roadside Assistance and Recovery
- Mobile Technician including Glazing
- Parts Advisor
- Fast Fit Technician
- Workshop Controller/Service Advisor
- Dealer Principal
- Valeter
- Mechanical, Electrical and Trim Technician
- Lift Truck Technician



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The automotive industry is massive and keeps the country moving on a daily basis - from cars and public transport, to couriers, HGVs and emergency vehicles. Plus, let's not forget the fun side too - motor sports!



“ You get to work with real cars and engines here. I like the manual labour, getting stuck in with your hands. ”

Jordan Park,  
Level 1 Light Vehicle Maintenance

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# What are employers looking for?

**There are great career opportunities in Motor Vehicles for a variety of disciplines and excellent prospects which provides employment chances for people who have many different skill sets. Qualified mechanics are in high demand. Here are some of the main skills and qualities employers are looking for.**

## **Good Work Ethic**

It's enjoyable, you'll get great job satisfaction, but you will need to roll your sleeves up and be prepared for hard work.

## **High Standards**

Every vehicle you work on should get the same quality of service.

## **Time Efficient**

Some tasks will take longer than others but being able to manage your time well is an essential skill.

## **Safety Conscious**

You'll be working around a lot of machinery and equipment that in the wrong or careless hands, could be dangerous. Health and safety is of paramount importance.

## **Hand Skills**

Equipment has improved drastically over the years but the number one piece of equipment will always be your hands.

## **Resilient**

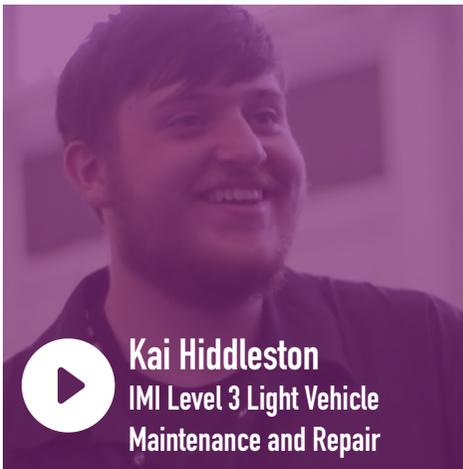
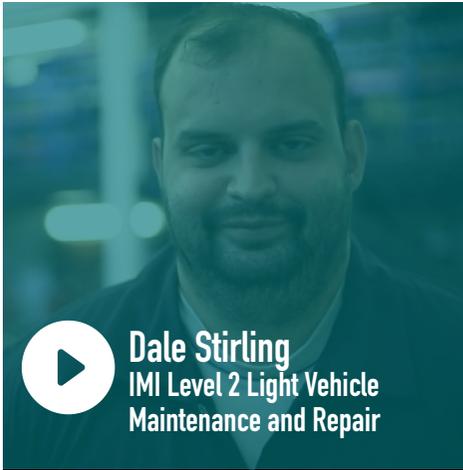
If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.  
Persistence does pay off in the end!

## **Passionate**

If you don't know how something works, you'll never know why it doesn't. People who have a real interest in vehicles become great motor vehicle technicians.

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Enterprising  
Students

# Could you be one of our **Enterprising Students?**



The Ayrshire College Foundation provides funding of grants up to £5,000 for students of Ayrshire College who are interested in developing ideas to start up their own business.

To help us inspire more students to be enterprising, we are working in partnership with Bridge 2 Business to support idea development.

You could join the many students we have supported so far, including former engineering student Greig Allan.

Visit our Entrepreneurs Blog to learn more.

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to visit our  
blog](#)



**“ The knowledge and skills I’m learning on my engineering course help me understand how things work and how to solve problems. This will help me in the manufacturing side of our business. ”**

Former engineering student, Greig Allan

# Start here...

We'll place you into the most appropriate level of study depending on your qualifications. You'll progress to a more advanced level of study during your course. You can choose to go on to study at a Higher Education level on completion of your course.



## Courses available in:

- IMI Certificate in Transport Maintenance
- IMI Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles (SCQF5)

There is the option to study courses on a day release basis.

[Click here to see all courses](#)



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# Go anywhere...

Progression can lead to an advanced level of motor vehicle course and onto Higher Education on an HNC in Automotive Engineering.

Once in employment you can then undertake specialist courses designed by vehicle manufacturers such as those designed to meet the needs of the fast-paced change that's happening within the automotive industry towards electric, hybrid and autonomous vehicles.

The automotive industry is one of the largest in Scotland and technicians are in high demand. There's a wide range of jobs available within the sector in dealerships, independent garages and fleet garages.

If further studies are not for you, speak to the employers that regularly visit and recruit from our courses. Gain employment with a Modern Apprenticeship and study at the College part-time to gain your qualifications.

Please check with each university for their articulation requirements prior to your UCAS application. Entry is subject to availability of places and meeting entry requirements, other options may also be available.

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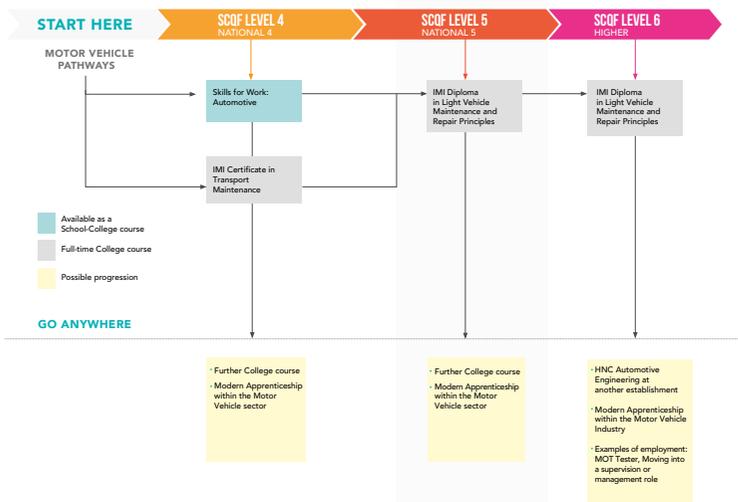


# What path will you take?

Our course pathway maps will help you understand the various routes you can take to help you achieve the qualifications you need.

Zoom in to view

## Course pathway map for Motor Vehicle



## Still unsure?

Contact our Student Services team and speak to one of our advisors who will be happy to help you.

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# Go for it!

You're just two steps away from starting your career in Motor Vehicle...

## Step 1...

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