

# Automotive Service Technician and Operations (ASTO)

## OVER 400 AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY EMPLOYERS HAVE HIRED BCIT STUDENTS.

The BCIT ASTO program is a unique Red Seal pathway that prepares students to serve all aspects of the industry. In addition to repair and diagnostic training, apprentices are equipped with a fundamental understanding of automotive science and business operations.

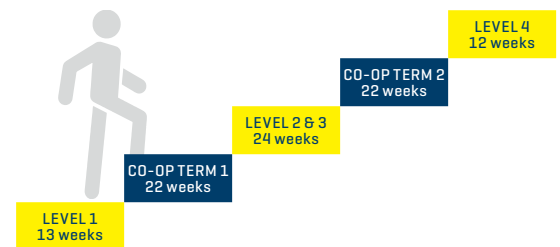
## WHAT CAN BCIT STUDENTS DO?

At the time of their co-op, students are prepared with technical training to:

- Perform general automotive maintenance
- Service wheels, brakes, suspension, steering systems, and drive shafts
- Understand automotive science concepts
- Engage in customer relations and business operations
- Perform engine repair, transmission, fuel delivery, electrical, and emission systems [level 3]

## WHEN CAN BCIT STUDENTS WORK?

Students are required to complete four academic terms alternating between two 22-week co-op terms in an automotive repair facility. Typically students are available to work in the spring and fall.



## WHY HIRE A CO-OP STUDENT?

- **Gain a fresh perspective:** students provide innovative thinking rooted in hands-on, industry aligned training
- **Impact the curriculum:** as an industry expert, you influence the content and relevancy of BCIT programs
- **Expedite the recruitment process:** fill temporary positions and assess the fit of prospective employees
- **Mentor the new generation:** with your support, students develop the skills necessary for success

## HIRING PROCESS

- 1 Contact the Centre for Workplace Education.**  
Yasmin Kanani,  
Co-op Coordinator;  
ykanani@bcit.ca or  
604.451.7058
- 2 Post the job.**  
Create a job posting using our employment services portal. BCIT accepts job postings year round.
- 3 Review and interview candidates.**  
If desired, CWE will set up interviews with co-op students.
- 4 Hire a BCIT student.**  
Select your successful candidate and notify the CWE office.

## PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

As a co-educator, you:

- Develop accurate and informative job descriptions
- Determine a fair and appropriate wage
- Provide meaningful employment in the student's field of study
- Establish clear work objectives with the student's progress
- Participate in on-site visits with the co-op coordinator to evaluate the student's performance

## SHAPE THE FUTURE WORKFORCE. HIRE A BCIT STUDENT.

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