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Neosho, MO – Crowder College is pleased to announce that ASE/NATEF certification has been achieved by the Technical Education Center’s Automotive Technology programs.

Accreditation of an automotive training program brings with it program credibility, prestige, recognition, and overall program improvement. The accreditation process benefits everyone: schools, students, future employers, and the automotive service industry. Students benefit by being able to identify quality programs that meet national standards and that the training received is current, complete and applicable to today’s employment needs. As an employer the certification means a well-trained entry-level technician and encourages involvement with the school through an advisory committee.

Crowder College has received support from various employers in the area in pursuit of certification. Those participating in the review team were Robert Shingledecker, (Team Leader-retired Automotive instructor in Ozark, AR), Jim Barry (Service Manager at Roper GMC, Joplin, MO), Greg Johnson (Service Manager at Griffith Motor in Neosho, MO) Joe Mathis (retired Diesel Technology instructor, Fairland, OK) and Larry Jump (Owner of Diamond Auto, Diamond, MO). “We very much appreciate the trust and confidence of our review team and their employers for allowing them to work through the two day testing process with us” stated Ken Rhuems, Director/Associate VP of Technical Education.

Crowder offers Automotive Programs are available with specialty certificates in Electrical Systems, Brake Systems, and Suspension/Steering Systems. Students get classroom time as well as hands-on experience while studying the programs. The Automotive Technology certificates are designed to give the student a working knowledge and the entry-level skills required in this competitive field of employment.

ASE is the *National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence*, a non-profit organization established in 1972 by the automotive industry to improve the quality of vehicle repair and service through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive repair technicians. NATEF, the *National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation*, is a non-profit foundation. The primary mission of NATEF is to improve the quality of automotive technician training programs nationwide through voluntary accreditation. NATEF is responsible for the program evaluation process, and approves programs for NATEF accreditation based on the results of the on-site evaluation. The State Departments of Education in all 50 states support NATEF accreditation of automotive programs.

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