

Steps to Vocational Specialism - Motor Vehicle Entry 3

Location	Altrincham Campus
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Foundation Learning
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	AFP-FLEC-1700

Course Overview

This course is designed for learners who are interested in developing skills in motor vehicle maintenance and repair. It combines practical, hands-on learning with real-life experiences to help build confidence, problem-solving abilities, and employability skills.

Students will work towards an Open Awards qualification in Skills for Further Learning and Employment, following a Motor Vehicle pathway. This may include units such as Introduction to Motor Vehicle Workshop Safety, Checking Tyres and Fluid Levels, Identifying Vehicle Parts, and Routine Vehicle Maintenance Tasks.

On successful completion of the course, learners can progress onto higher-level Motor Vehicle programmes, other Level 1 vocational courses, apprenticeships, or pathways into employment within the automotive industry.

Course Requirements

4 GCSE's at Grade 1 or above including English and maths.

What You Will Learn

Learning takes place in a range of settings, including motor vehicle workshops, classrooms, and within the local community. Lessons are practical and engaging, allowing learners to develop their skills at their own pace. Students will practise key vocational skills such as carrying out basic vehicle checks, using tools safely, cleaning and maintaining vehicles, and understanding how different parts of a vehicle work.

Alongside practical learning, students will develop communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills through group activities and workshop-based tasks. Learners will also have opportunities to meet industry professionals, take part in demonstrations, and explore careers within the motor vehicle sector.

Throughout the course, learners will develop important life skills such as confidence, organisation, attention to detail, and the ability to work independently and as part of a team—skills that are essential for future education, employment, and everyday life.

Assessment

Continual project-based learning is evidenced through practical application of vocational specific presentations, portfolios of evidence, speaking and listening and group discussion. Vocational learning within the curriculum department provides evidence of transferrable skills, such as communication, teamwork, resilience and customer care.

Progression

On successful completion of the course, learners can progress onto higher-level study programmes, supported internships, or pathways into employment and independent living.

Career Options

Supported Internships
Motor vehicle repair and maintenance settings
Breakdown and rescue service
Garage management

Mandatory Units

Personal Action Planning

Contact Details

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