PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Topics include learning tools for measuring internal and external diesel engine components, complete engine re-build, 12/24 volt electrical systems, Ohms law in incorporating math into the electrical systems, voltage drop, resistance, wiring, trouble shooting and fuel systems. Students will learn to use power tools and hand tools safely. Students will learn about brakes and air brake systems, arc welding and gas torch use, suspensions on trailers, truck and wheel alignments, transmission, clutch repair, truck preventive maintenance, and differential removal/rebuild. Reading and understanding shop manuals will also be covered. Students will have internship and career opportunities.

High School Credit: CTE credit or elective credit: Up to 4 credits

Concurrent Enrollment: 8 college credits. Concurrent enrollment credits in this program now apply toward technical credits at the post-secondary level for this specific degree, or they can be used as lower-division elective credits. Student is responsible to register and pay for concurrent enrollment Classes at SLCC. For information on these classes, see Appendix.

Industry Certifications: ASE Diesel Brakes, ASE Engines, ASE Electrical/Electronic Systems, ASE Suspension/Steering

Additional Opportunities: Students may experience youth leadership and service through SkillsUSA.

Recommended: Automotive classes and mechanical experience

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

ASE Diesel IMMR: This course is the first in a group that prepares individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills to the specialized maintenance and repair of trucks, buses, and other commercial and industrial vehicles. Instruction covers training in the following areas: inspection, maintenance, and minor repair: safety, diesel engine mechanics, drive trains, and electrical/electronic systems. Work ethics and productivity are an integral part of the classroom and lab activities of these courses.

ASE Diesel Brakes: This course is a follow up course to the Diesel IMMR and is in a sequence that prepares individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills to the specialized maintenance and repair of trucks, buses, and other commercial and industrial vehicles. Instruction covers training in the following areas: safety, diesel engine mechanics, drive trains, and electrical/electronic systems. Work ethics and productivity are an integral part of the classroom and lab activities of these courses.

ASE Diesel Electrical Systems: This course is a follow up course to the Diesel IMMR and is in a sequence that prepares individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills to the specialized maintenance and repair of trucks, buses, and other commercial and industrial vehicles. Instruction covers training in the following areas: safety and electrical/electronic systems. Work ethics and productivity are an integral part of the classroom and lab activities of these courses.

ASE Diesel Engine: This course is a follow up course to the Diesel IMMR and is in a sequence that prepares individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills to the specialized maintenance and repair of trucks, buses, and other commercial and industrial vehicles. Instruction covers training in the following areas: diesel engine repair. Work ethics and productivity are an integral part of the classroom and lab activities of these courses.

ASE Diesel Steering and Suspension: This course is a follow up to the Diesel IMMR course in a sequence that prepares individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills to the specialized maintenance and repair of trucks, buses, and other commercial and industrial vehicles. Instruction covers training in the following areas: safety and steering & suspension systems. Work ethics and productivity are an integral part of the classroom and lab activities of these courses.
Career Possibilities:

Diesel Mechanic  Dealership Management and Sales
Tool Sales  Welder
Truck Driver  Fleet Maintenance and Management
Machining

"I loved learning about all the trucks. We made lots of fun friends and got to try lots of new things."
Carter North, 2021

"I really enjoyed all the projects we had this year and the freedom of starting new projects."
Logan Arnoldus, 2021

"It was so cool having the opportunity to learn about the semi-trucks and the heavy diesel industry. Being in this class has exposed us to all aspects of the diesel truck and has given me a good baseline knowledge to progress my career. Through this program, we have also had opportunities to do job shadows and get hands-on experience in the field. Overall, this class has been an excellent stepping stone to higher education.”
Aspyn Stanley, 2021

"This class has been loads of fun and a big learning experience for me. Thanks to the program, I have been able to attend class when my own high school shut down. I have learned all about diesel engines and have even had the opportunity to go on a job shadow to Geneva Rock!.“
Devin Peterson, 2021