

What can you do with a major in Motorcycle Service Technology?

Campus(s) program is offered: Marietta

What are the most likely job titles one can expect to qualify for once completed with this program?

- Technician
- Parts manager
- Service consultant
- Sales associate
- Technical advisor

What do students express as the thing they enjoy the most about this program? What is the least?

- Hands on learning
- We don't offer a chopper building/motorcycle related fabrication class

What are some typical misconceptions about this program of study?

- That we only cover motorcycles, We cover ATV's and Personal Water Craft too.

What are some essential skills a student needs to have in order to be successful in this program of study?

- Mechanically inclined
- Strong logical reasoning
- Detail oriented
- Provide quality customer service

Typical work activities/occupational functions:

- Discuss equipment issues, maintenance plans, and work performed with customers
- Perform routine engine maintenance, such as lubricating parts and replacing spark plugs
- Test and inspect engines for malfunctioning parts
- Repair or replace worn, defective, or broken parts
- Reassemble and reinstall components and engines following repairs
- Keep records of inspections, test results, work performed, and parts used

What additional training would you recommend for a student who wants to go to the next level in this field?

Welding and Machining are good skills sets to have especially if you want to build bikes or work in a shop where customizing is a key function.

Do any of the occupational courses transfer easily?

Motorcycle Service Technology is a diploma level program which would allow courses to transfer to other TCSG colleges.

What are some common limitations, if any, in this program that students face?

There are several physical limitations that students or even graduates face including being too short to reach the ground on various motorcycles. A motorcycle mechanic has to be able to ride a wide variety of bikes. We partner with Hellbender Harley-Davidson to offer our students Rider's Edge which is a basic motorcycle training course so once you graduate you are licensed to ride motorcycles.

Are there any exams/certifications that a student needs to take after completing the courses? Are these exams/certifications offered on campus?

Manufacturers and dealerships offer certifications once an individual gains employment

Possible employment settings:

Large dealerships, privately-owned repair shops, or parts manufacturing facilities.

Names of employers:

Hellbender Harley-Davidson (formerly Earl Smalls Harley-Davidson)
Harley-Davidson of Atlanta
Freedom Powersports
Mountain Motorsports
Wow Motorcycles
Twisted Motorsports

Shops Started by Students:

TDC Motorsports (aka Two Dudes and a Chick Motorsports)
Bad Moon Raising Cycles

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