

**Career Education Program Two-Year Review  
Program Efficacy Report  
Spring 2015**

**Name of Department:** Automotive Mechanical Technology

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**Overall Recommendation (include rationale):** CONTINUATION

This two-year updated provided a solid evaluation of the program since the most recent efficacy review. The committee felt that this update was a model document, with the correct amount of detail, permitting the committee to easily understand the program's status.

**1. Purpose of this Program**

Efficacy Team Analysis and Feedback: **MEETS.**

The purpose of the program hasn't changed, and continues to serve unemployed/under employed and disadvantaged students, to train them for a career as an automotive technician or in related fields such as vehicle maintenance and parts sales.

**2. Demand for this Program**

Efficacy Team Analysis and Feedback: **MEETS.**

There is a clear demand for this program, with all 11 courses having a wait list in Spring 2015. The hourly mean wage for technicians is \$21.15/hr, with 2590 new positions open in California.

**3. Quality of this Program**

Efficacy Team Analysis and Feedback: **MEETS.**

The past 5 years have shown an average success rate of 74.6%, and an average retention rate of 88.2%. In 2013-14 there were 16 certificates and 3 degrees awarded to students.

**4. External Issues**

Efficacy Team Analysis and Feedback: **MEETS.**

The program addresses the change in Perkins funding, which will no longer allow funding for lab assistants, and the distribution of this funding to a greater number of departments.

**5. Cost of this Program**

Efficacy Team Analysis and Feedback: **MEETS.**

There have been no changes to the cost of the program.

**6. Two-Year Plan**

Efficacy Team Analysis and Feedback: **MEETS.**

Their plan includes looking into grants and seeking manufacturer support in the area of alternative fuels (e.g., natural gas and hybrid vehicles), in addition to continuing to upgrade existing tools and equipment with available funds. Most importantly, their goal is to provide the best possible education to the students in the community.