

Program Information	Contact Information	Date Updated
Auto Safety Inspection and On-Board Diagnostic (OBD) II DMV-3129SI, DMV-3129OB	James Mitchell Director, Continuing Education - E&T jtmitchell@forsythtech.edu	June 2025

This document is designed to complement your research on the educational and certifican prerequisites for pusuing a career as an Auto Safety Mechanic/Technician on a state-by-state basis, encompassing the United States territories as well.

Educational Preparation: Forsyth Technical Community College’s Auto Safety Inspection and OBD II program trains students in the procedures and regulations necessary to conduct vehicle safety and emissions inspections in compliance with state and federal guidelines. The course focuses on safety system evaluation, emissions control, diagnostic procedures, and the proper use of inspection tools and databases.

Licensure and Certification: In North Carolina, individuals must complete a state-approved training course and pass a written exam administered by the NC Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to become certified to perform safety and/or OBD II emissions inspections. Requirements vary across states—some maintain independent inspection licensing, while others incorporate it into broader mechanic certification. Students should consult their state’s DMV or environmental agency for current regulations and certification pathways.

[Forsyth Tech Website.](#)

[Additional Resource - 1.](#)

[Additional Resource - 2.](#)

Disclaimer: It is crucial to acknowledge that laws and regulations in the field of Auto Safety Inspection and On-Board Diagnostic (OBD) II are subject to constant change. For the most current information and requirements, we strongly advise you to consult the specific state board or agency responsible for Auto Safety Inspection and On-Board Diagnostic (OBD) II licensure/certification.

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Alabama		X
Alaska		X
American Samoa		X
Arizona		X
Arkansas		X
California		X

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Colorado		X
Connecticut		X
Delaware		X
District of Columbia		X
Florida		X
Georgia		X
Guam		X
Hawaii		X
Idaho		X
Illinois		X
Indiana		X
Iowa		X
Kansas		X
Kentucky		X
Louisiana		X
Maine		X
Maryland		X
Massachusetts		X
Michigan		X
Minnesota		X
Mississippi		X
Missouri		X
Montana		X

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Nebraska		X
Nevada		X
New Hampshire		X
New Jersey		X
New Mexico		X
New York		X
North Carolina	✓	
North Dakota		X
Northern Mariana Islands		X
Ohio		X
Oklahoma		X
Oregon		X
Pennsylvania		X
Puerto Rico		X
Rhode Island		X
South Carolina		X
South Dakota		X
Tennessee		X
Texas		X
US Virgin Islands		X
Utah		X
Vermont		X
Virginia		X

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Washington		X
West Virginia		X
Wisconsin		X
Wyoming		X