

Universal Technical Institute Launches Electric Vehicle Technician Training Coursework to Meet Increasing Demand for Clean Cars and Trucks

This enhanced training is the initial step in UTI's overall EV strategy to prepare future technicians for surging electric vehicle sales in the coming decades.

PHOENIX, Nov. 10, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- With consumers, auto manufacturers, and infrastructure policymaking converging around a zero-emissions-vehicle future, one of the industry's leading technical training institutions, [Universal Technical Institute](#) (NYSE: UTI), today announced that its program curriculum had been updated to include new Hybrid and Electric Vehicle (EV) technician coursework initially at its California campuses. This is a step in UTI's overall EV strategy, which includes further expansion of EV content in the core Automotive Technology curriculum, enhancing manufacturer specific advanced training programs (MSAT) with several manufacturer partners, and developing other new training models and partnership opportunities to expand UTI's overall EV ecosystem.

"We expect that record sales for plug-in hybrid and fully electric zero emissions vehicles in the United States for the foreseeable future, along with major manufacturer targets for significantly reducing or eliminating sales of internal combustion engines, will continue to increase demand for EV trained technicians for years to come," said Universal Technical Institute CEO **Jerome Grant**. "At UTI, we are committing resources to develop new coursework and a hands-on lab experience that will be provided by experienced instructors. Just as we have done with the combustion engine, we intend to be at the forefront of training for major manufacturers of electric vehicles."

"We are delighted with the partnership Volvo Cars has had with UTI over the past 21 years. We just celebrated our 102nd graduating class at the Avondale, AZ campus. We have most recently donated the use of nineteen S60 T8 Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles and equipment for UTI's usage in their core curriculum," said Volvo Senior Manager of Technical Training Jeffrey Jennings.

UTI has enhanced the core curriculum at UTI's three California campuses in [Sacramento](#), [Rancho Cucamonga](#), and [Long Beach](#). Students have already begun completing the new EV coursework aligned to industry needs. The new EV coursework was developed in partnership with UTI's EV Program Advisory Council, which includes major manufacturers like Ford, Volvo, BMW, and GM, as well as major industry employers such as Crown Lift, along with leadership at Southern California Edison, Bosch, and more.

Following the rollout of the initial core curriculum update and pending regulatory approvals, a new EV course is being developed and is planned to be piloted in 2022. In addition, the MSAT programs with several of UTI's manufacturer partners will be enhanced to include EV training and certification designed to meet their specific product needs. UTI is working closely with its partners to enhance training programs, upgrade vehicles and teaching aids, and make any other changes needed to ensure the success of these programs. UTI is also exploring partnerships and alliances with a wide array of industry participants to continue broadening EV offerings and the overall EV ecosystem.

Today's announcement by UTI comes at a time with surging demand for new EV technology. According to a recent report by [McKinsey](#), it is expected that by 2030 Sixty-Five Percent (65%) of new car sales will be electric.

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