

Universal Technical Institute & NAPA Announce 8th Annual "Summer Ignite" Program for Nation's High School Juniors

Three-week hands-on automotive and motorcycle repair training gives students a preview of transportation careers.

PHOENIX, June 10, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- [Universal Technical Institute](#) (UTI), the transportation, skilled trades, and energy education division of [Universal Technical Institute, Inc.](#), and NAPA, today announced the 2025 Summer Ignite program.

Designed to address workforce demand, the program provides training and insight into the industry. Students who successfully pass the end-of-course exam(s) can also earn transfer credit toward a future UTI program, which helps reduce their educational costs.

"As the demand for skilled technicians remains strong, and Gen Z is considering educational paths outside of a traditional four-year degree, Summer Ignite is a valuable opportunity that exposes students to hands-on, technology-driven transportation careers," said Universal Technical Institute Division President Tracy Lorenz.

Since 2021, UTI and [NAPA](#) have partnered to support the future of those seeking careers in the transportation and aftermarket auto repair industries. As part of the program, NAPA is providing all Summer Ignite students with three uniform shirts free of charge.

"Automotive technicians are in high demand and this profession empowers young people to take control of their career path in a meaningful way," said Emily Schneider, senior director of marketing, NAPA. "We're proud that our continued work with UTI can help solve the demand for skilled technicians and support the next generation as they consider this path."

UTI alum and Comanche High School Automotive and Robotics Instructor Jeremy Oskins helped several students attend the 2024 Summer Ignite session at UTI-Austin. "The experience was transformative. They started seeing the technology and systems they'd only encountered in video games come to life in real vehicles," Oskins shared. "Thanks to Summer Ignite, their interest in the field is turning into a career path, with several enrolling at UTI this fall."

[Applications](#) for the three-week-long Summer Ignite program are now open¹:

- **UTI-Austin (Texas):** Session 1: June 23, 2025; Session 2: July 14, 2025
- **UTI-Avondale (Ariz.):** Session 1: June 2, 2025; Session 2: June 23, 2025
- **UTI-Bloomfield (N.J.):** July 14, 2025
- **UTI-Dallas:** Session 1: June 23, 2025; Session 2: July 14, 2025
- **UTI-Exton (Pa.):** July 14, 2025
- **UTI-Houston:** Session 1: June 23, 2025; Session 2: July 14, 2025
- **UTI-Lisle (Ill.):** Session 1: June 2, 2025; Session 2: June 23, 2025
- **UTI-Long Beach (Calif.):** July 14, 2025
- **UTI-Miramar (Fla.):** July 14, 2025
- **UTI-Orlando (Fla.):** June 2, 2025
- **UTI-Rancho Cucamonga (Calif.):** June 23, 2025
- **UTI-Sacramento (Calif.):** June 23, 2025
- **UTI-Phoenix (Ariz.):** June 9, 2025
- **UTI-Mooresville (N.C.):** July 23, 2025

For further details or to enroll, visit www.uti.edu/ignite.

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¹ Courses offered for Summer Ignite may vary by campus location.

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