



Auto Body Repair (629)

Certificate Program

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

This program provides instruction in the repair and refinishing of damaged vehicle bodies and components of automobiles and light trucks. Students will learn damage analysis, cost estimation, welding, cutting and repairing fiberglass body parts, auto glass and body trim repair procedures, techniques for the refinishing of repaired surfaces, and how to mix and apply the proper paint to the repaired component of the vehicle. Students learn to work with water-borne refinishing technology. This certificate will not have the required workplace experience course nor the electrical systems course found in the AAS degree.

NATURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Auto body technicians will perform the same types of work whether self-employed or working for someone else. The certificate earned will allow students to gain employment at the entry level. Work will consist of providing repair estimates and completing the work in a timely yet cost-effective manner. Repair jobs range from minor to extensive repairs. In larger facilities, technicians may specialize in certain aspects of the reconstruction process, but in the small or independent shop, the technician must be competent in all aspects of the rebuilding process.

As vehicles become increasingly expensive and people choose to retain vehicles for longer periods of time, the field will continue to provide excellent opportunities for employment and advancement for the talented and devoted student.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Advanced placement into this program is possible based upon previous auto body course work and/or on-the-job experience in auto body repair. The program is accredited through NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Educational Foundation). A workplace experience is encouraged and may be made available.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

- Call Highland at 815-235-6121 for the following program contacts:
- Scott Anderson, Dean of Business & Technology
 - Todd Vacek, Auto Body Faculty
 - Thedford Jackson, Transfer Coordinator/Student Advisor



First Semester 13 Sem. Hours

* AUTB	191	Introduction to Auto Body	3
AUTB	192	Painting Equipment and Materials	2
AUTB	294	Damage Analysis	2
WELD	135	Shield Arc/Oxy Welding	3
* BUSN	125	Mathematics of Business	3
			(or three credits from MATH 157 or above)

Second Semester 14 Sem. Hours

* AUTB	193	Frame and Body Alignment I	4
* AUTB	194	Auto Body Repair I	3
* AUTB	293	Paint Applications I	4
* WELD	233	Advanced Welding Processes	3

Third Semester 12 Sem. Hours

AUTB	195	Automotive Trim and Hardware	2
* AUTB	292	Auto Body Repair II	4
* AUTB	296	Paint Applications II	5
* INFT	131	Beginning Word	1

Fourth Semester 9 Sem. Hours

AUTB	197	Auto Chassis and Accessory Systems	2
* AUTB	291	Frame and Body Alignment II	3
* BUSN	141	Business Communications	3
			(or COMM 101 or ENGL 121)
Elective			1

Total Hours = 48

* Course has a prerequisite. See course descriptions.
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