Auto Body Repair and Refinishing Technology

The Auto Body Repair and Refinishing Technology curriculum is designed to provide students with the education and training to enter the collision repair industry. The comprehensive program enables students to gain entry-level employment and with additional field experience, they can enjoy lifetime employment in this lucrative industry. Most graduates start in collision repair shops; however, graduates find opportunities in related fields such as equipment and material representatives, insurance adjusters, industry technical trainers and shop managers.

I-CAR, an industry non-profit national training organization, estimates the collision industry is short 50,000 technicians in the United States at this time, providing a wonderful opportunity for graduates. There are usually four employers to each available graduate each year.

Students are trained hands-on with the latest equipment found in the industry. This includes computer estimating, computer measuring systems, computer paint mixing, wheel alignment, refinishing, spot repair and custom painting. All learning takes place primarily on live customer projects, with some classroom activities. Often students will bring their own vehicles to repair adding to their overall experience.

The program is NATEF Certified and accredited through PPG Partners in Education™, an exclusive partnership that assures high standards for curriculum and faculty training.

Required minimum placement scores:

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Or transfer equivalencies will apply as appropriate

Applicants not meeting the above requirements are encouraged to visit with the academic counselor at 701-671-2257 or the Auto Body Repair and Refinishing Technology program coordinator at 701-671-2163 for strategies to meet the admission requirements.

*Program Admission Requirements are subject to revision. Please check the department or program website under Program Admission Requirements for current information.

Award

Upon successful completion of the required courses, students will be awarded a diploma or Associate in Applied Science degree in Auto Body Repair and Refinishing Technology.

Delivery Methods

Face-to-Face: Wahpeton

Contact Information

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Course Code | Course Title | Credits
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ABOD 101 | Basic Auto Body Repair Techniques Lab | 4
ABOD 102 | Basic Auto Body Production Lab I | 4
ABOD 103 | Basic Auto Body Production Lab II | 4
ABOD 104 | Basic Auto Body Production Lab III | 4
ABOD 113 | Basic Auto Body Repair Techniques I | 2
ABOD 115 | Basic Auto Body Repair Techniques II | 2
ABOD 116 | Refinishing Equipment/Plastic Repair | 2
ABOD 117 | Refinishing Materials | 2
ABOD 120 | Applied Welding | 3
ABOD 200 | Mechanical/Electrical Components | 3
ABOD 201 | Wheel Alignment and Measuring Systems | 2
ABOD 202 | Frame/Body and Structural Repairs | 2
ABOD 203 | Advanced Damage Analysis Lab I | 8
ABOD 204 | Estimating and Job Costing | 2
ABOD 205 | Body Shop Planning | 2
ABOD 206 | Advanced Damage Analysis Lab II | 8

Related/General Education Courses for Diploma

ENGL 105 | Technical Communications | 3
or ENGL 110 | College Composition I (3) | 3
Mathematics and/or Science | 4
Social and Behavioral Sciences, Humanities, History and/or Computer Electives
Recommended:
- CIS 101 – Computer Literacy – 2 cr
- PSYC 100 – Human Relations in Organizations – 2 cr
Wellness Elective | 1
General Education Elective | 1
FYE 101 | Science of Success | 1

Total Required Credits for Diploma | 67

A student must complete all required Auto Body courses and all general education courses as listed above.

Related/General Education Courses for Associate in Applied Science

ENGL 110 | College Composition I | 3
English/Communication Elective (choose one) | 3
ENGL 105 | Technical Communications | 3
ENGL 120 | College Composition II | 3
ENGL 125 | Introduction to Professional Writing | 3
COMM 110 | Fundamentals of Public Speaking | 3
Mathematics and/or Science | 3
Social and Behavioral Sciences, Humanities, History and/or Computer Electives
Recommended:
- CIS 101 – Computer Literacy – 2 cr
- PSYC 100 – Human Relations in Organizations – 2 cr
Wellness Electives | 2
General Education Electives | 3
FYE 101 | Science of Success | 1

Total Required Credits for Associate in Applied Science | 73

A student must complete all required Auto Body courses and all general education courses as listed above.

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