

Auto Body Technician



Figure 1 Auto Body Technician student uses proper tools and technique to smooth out repairs, prepping for eventual painting.

Learn in a Hands-On Repair Shop Environment

The Auto Body Technician program is one of the premier auto body programs in the country. Students work on customer vehicles every quarter. Emphasis is placed on building the skills necessary to do auto body repair, with lots of opportunity to practice the skills.

Students can start any quarter of the year to obtain either a Certificate of Completion by completing one of the following four blocks:

- Refinishing
- Structural Repair
- Non-Structural Repair
- Estimating/Shop Management

Or they can receive an Associate in Applied Science Degree (5 quarters). Successful graduates are qualified for employment in the high wage, high demand field of collision repair and restoration.

Learn from Industry Experts

From the first day of class, you will see your instructor has a genuine interest in your success. Classes provide a chance to combine technical theory with skill mastery.

Representatives from numerous body shops in western Washington volunteer their time to demonstrate skills. Receive hands on mentoring from the best in the business. Start networking with technicians and shop owners from across the industry.

Find Out More Today!



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Program Highlights

Students will build essential skills in:

Refinishing (Summer)

- Refinishing Products, Tools & Equipment
- Surface Preparation, Masking & Detailing
- Refinishing Application Procedures
- Color Mixing, Matching & Paint Problems

Structural Repair (Fall)

- Door & Glass Service
- Measuring & Realignment Procedures
- Welded Panel Removal & Replacement
- Corrosion Protection

Non-Structural Repair (Winter)

- Metal Panel Repair
- Body Fillers and Applications
- Composite Panel Repairs
- Disassembly & Re-Assembly Technology

Estimating/Shop Management (Spring)

- Vehicle Construction Technology
- Estimating & Shop Management Programs
- Damage Analysis
- Mechanical & Electrical Systems

Advanced Auto Body (Offered every quarter for students who completed all four blocks listed above)

- Advanced Non-Structural Repair
- Advanced Structural Repair
- Advanced Refinishing
- Advanced Estimating & Shop Management

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Auto Body Technician program have the opportunity to build a career in the lucrative collision repair and restoration industries. Auto Body facilities are in need of trained individuals to fill positions such as:

- Painter
- Paint Prepper
- Detailer
- Body Technician
- Structural Repair Technician
- Estimator
- Parts Manager
- Shop Manager

Other related career opportunities include:

- Insurance Appraiser
- Auto Glass Technician
- Sales Representative for tool manufacturers, paint and supply distributors, or paint manufacturers
- Owning your own shop



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