State-Approved (Chapter 74)
Program Overview

Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing

After a car crash, trained and certified collision repair technicians get to work, fixing what's broken, replacing windows, and restoring damaged paint and interiors.

What Students Learn & Do

The automotive industry is one of the world's largest economic sectors, and collision repair and vehicle restoration are an important part of that.

Most of the learning in Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing Programs takes place in an auto shop environment where students learn the basics of repairing cars, straightening vehicle frames, and restoring paints and finishes. Industry-recognized safety standards are taught and reinforced throughout program experiences.

Students in Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing are required to meet the same high academic standards as peers in other high school programs. These standards are set by the State of Massachusetts. In addition, applied math skills are reinforced through cost estimating and working with parts replacement, as well as when using industry technologies related to painting, welding, and repair work.

Licenses & Certifications

Programs will prepare students to earn industry-recognized credentials, and typically students will be able to complete one or more before they graduate from high school. Examples:

- I-CAR certifications - Intro to Collision Repair Series
- OSHA 10 hour - General
- SP/2 Safety Certification
- EPA 6H Rule Certification

Options After High School

State-Approved (Chapter 74) programs provide precise training required for entry-level employment in this career field. Here are some possible career options in Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing.

High School Diploma

- Collision Repair Technician
- Automotive Detailer
- Automotive Painter/ Painter's Helper

Trade School or Associate Degree

- Automobile Restoration
- Collision Frame Specialist
- Shop Manager or Owner

Bachelor's Degree (4 Years of College)

- Insurance Claim Adjuster
- Automobile Design Engineer

Questions to Ask a Program You Are Considering

1. **What workplace experiences do you offer to students - at school, or with an employer?**
2. **What are some common next steps for graduates of this program and how do you support them to get there?**

Learn about differences between State-Approved (Chapter 74) and Local programs:
http://www.doe.mass.edu/ccte/cvte/cte-families/state-vs-local.html

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