

AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR TECHNOLOGY



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The automotive collision repair program at South Plains College's Levelland Campus is housed in the Metals Technology Building. Students work with a Blackhawk 4000L unibody alignment system which meets industry standards.

The Blackhawk 4000L drive-on rack is flexible, permitting accessories to be added as automobile trends change. The frame rack allows students hands-on repair training on unibodies which comprise 90 percent of the new vehicles produced worldwide.

The repair shop also features two down-draft paint booths and a full line of tools and accessories, which are used to repair various damaged auto parts. The program is staffed by experienced instructors who are ASE certified and I/CAR trained. The personal attention they give their students in the classroom and training lab is a significant factor in their students' success.

An advisory committee of experts in the automotive collision repair industry meets regularly to review the program and keep it abreast of new trends and employment opportunities.

COURSES IN THE PROGRAM

The one-year automotive collision repair program at South Plains College is the only postsecondary training program of its kind on the South Plains. General academic courses are not required. It is designed to train students to handle extensive auto collision repairs.

The training program emphasizes straightening damaged automobile parts, painting techniques, damage estimation, glass installation, welding, shop math, and human relations.

The program is designed to produce a skilled auto collision technician who has a sound understanding of both the fundamentals and latest trends in the auto collision repair field.

As a result, most of your class time is spent in the shop working with damaged cars, learning the trade first-hand. The eight courses which comprise the program can be completed in two 16-week semesters. First Semester Courses include: Basic Refinishing, Collision Repair Shop Management, Vehicle Trim and Hardware, and Basic Metal Repair. Second Semester Courses include: Auto Body Repair and Repainting, Auto Body Welding, Specialized Refinishing Techniques, and Automotive Plastic and SMC Repair.

CERTIFICATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE OPTIONS

A program graduate will be awarded a certificate of proficiency within two semesters. This is a TSI-waived certificate. Students declaring this major are not subject to the TSI regulations unless they enroll in a course outside the prescribed curriculum.



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