



Auto Collision and Refinishing Foundation

(Common Core)

Program Description

This 35-week Youth Train in Trades program is designed for those who wish to obtain employment in the Automotive Industry as an Automotive Collision Repair Technician or an Automotive Paint Technician. It offers SD38 students Common Core Level 1 technical training in both of these trades. An Automotive Collision Repair Technician restores the structural integrity of damaged vehicles by straightening vehicle structure, repairing, or removing damaged sections and priming and preparing and applying refinishing products to repaired surfaces. A first-level Automotive Refinishing Technician typically removes parts, masks, performs chemical cleaning, applies putty, sands, primes, and prepares an automobile, truck, or bus for the Automotive Refinishing Technician in a safe and environmentally sound manner. Duties also include verifying dimensional accuracy, system functions, passenger protection, proper alignment, and handling. In this program, students use modern equipment and the latest techniques.

Students acquire practical experience on customer vehicles in the Vancouver Community College (VCC) professional auto-collision shop. Upon successful completion of this common core program, along with the required work experience, students will select which certificate to pursue further.

Program Requirements

- Any Language Arts 11 (need a LA12 by program start)
- Any Math 11
- Successful result on trade math test and English test
- Student is physically able to stand, lift and bend for extended periods
- Detail-oriented and good hand-eye coordination
- Previous tech ed course(s) a benefit
- Strongly recommended that students have driver's license

Program Details

- 35-week program
- September – June OR February – October
- Monday – Thursday 8am-3pm (hybrid model of on-line and face-to-face)
- Students attend the VCC King Edward Campus full-time
- Earn 28 Gr. 12 credits (7 courses) + Post-Secondary credit
- Student-arranged work experience at a professional auto-body shop

Tuition and Fees

- Free tuition – paid by SD38 - **Students save more than \$3500** on regular VCC tuition.
- **Cost to students is approximately \$1000***. This includes program materials, textbooks, and college fees.

* costs may vary



View all details at website below:

<https://www.vcc.ca/programscourses/transportation-trades/collision-and-refinishing/automotive-collision-and-refinishing-foundation-certificate/>



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