

The Auto Body program prepares students to work in auto body repair shops and to prepare and apply finishes to a wide variety of surfaces. With the increasing complexity in automotive design, construction and finishes, this has become a technically advanced area of study. Students learn to work with a variety of automotive components, materials and finishes. Skills learned in this program are also valuable in other areas of study such as engineering and manufacturing.

Students learn the basics of auto body repair and painting techniques through a variety of assignments and special projects. Classroom theory is combined with a great deal of hands-on practice and learning in the shop. After learning to use hand and power tools related to the trade, students practice the skills on sample vehicle panels. As their skills develop, students have the opportunity to work on live projects including collision repair and customization of personal or customer vehicles.

Many students have found jobs with auto body repair shops and automobile dealerships. As well, on completion of the program employment opportunities may include:

Automotive Detailer	Auto Body Supplies person
Radiator Repair Technician	Insurance Estimator
Insurance Adjuster	Industrial Spray Painter
Glass and Trim Sales and Installer	

Section A

9029 Introduction to Collision Repair & Refinishing 20S
9030 Fundamentals for Collision Repair & Refinishing 30S
9035 Advanced Automotive Painting 40S
9036 Colour Theory & Career Preparation 40S

Section B

9031 Automotive Metals & Welding 30S
9032 Introduction to Automotive Painting 30S
9033 Damage Analysis & Structural Repairs 40S
9034 Weld-on & Bolt-on Panel Replacement 40S



The Auto Body program is accredited with Apprenticeship Manitoba. To qualify for accreditation, a student must achieve an overall average of 70% or higher across all eight credits, they will receive recognition for level one technical (in-class) training in the Automotive Painter or Motor Vehicle Body Repairer trade. A student must then become a registered apprentice with an employer and complete the remaining required practical hours.

Practical (on-the-job) training hours can be acquired through the High School Apprenticeship Program (HSAP) – a high school work practicum recognized by Apprenticeship Manitoba. These hours can be earned during evenings, weekends, or school breaks.

The Red River Technical Vocational Area is a cooperative partnership of five southern Manitoba school divisions dedicated to increasing student access to technical education options. More information on the RRTVA and its programs is available at www.rrtva.ca