



Automotive Collision Repair

Department: Industrial Technologies

Degree: Diploma

Entry time: Fall

Length: 1 year (2 semesters and 1 summer)

- Kirkwood's Automotive Collision Repair **one-year diploma** provides students a gateway entry-level opportunity into a competitive and rewarding career.
- The faculty utilizes the most current **I-CAR Professional Development Program curriculum**.
- Kirkwood provides one of the **best-equipped training labs** that includes two downdraft paint booths and four prep booths. All are equipped for refinishing the most current waterborne and solvent-based paints as well as frame laser measuring and pulling equipment.
- Kirkwood was the **first teaching institution in the nation** to acquire the **Snap-On Aluminum Dent Pulling Kit**.
- **Instructors** for the program continually update their knowledge on current trends and procedures by attending additional **I-CAR** training, clinics, seminars and trade shows.
- Students have consistently finished well in the annual **Skills USA competitions**, including many state champions and three second-place finishes **nationally**.

Program Description

Kirkwood's Automotive Collision Repair program teaches students the theory and practices of metal forming and shaping; body fillers, frame straightening and repair; uni-body straightening and repairs; refinishing procedures; paints and paint chemistry; and equipment use and care. Cost estimating and customer relations skills are also emphasized. A majority of class time is devoted to practical laboratory experience in the college's Auto Collision Repair Center.

Career Opportunities

Body shop technician
Auto garage or repair service technician
Auto/truck dealership technician
Tool sales company representative
Equipment/material sales representative
Insurance claims adjuster

Sample Classes

Intro to Metalworking and Refinishing
Metalworking and Refinishing Practices
Metalworking and Refinishing
Industrial Math
Auto Collision Welding
Basic Automotive Electricity
Metalworking
Body Straightening and Painting
Workplace Communications

Industry Endorsements Earned:

I-CAR Steel Welding Qualification
National Career Readiness Certificate

Scholarships

Kirkwood will help you pay for college! Kirkwood awards more scholarships than any other community college in Iowa. For more information and to apply, visit www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships.

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