

Somerset County Vo-Tech Program Overview



Auto Body

Job opportunities should be best for jobseekers with industry certification and training in automotive body and glass repair. The median pay for automotive body and glass repairers in 2025 was \$50,680 per year or \$24.36 per hour.

(Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Students in the Auto Body Technology Program learn the fundamentals of damage repair, metal straightening, panel replacement and preparation for painting and refinishing. Students gain experience through demonstration, theory and hands-on shop projects, while working in a state-of-the-art facility.

Students who graduate from the Auto Body Technology Program can pursue a career as an Auto Body Technician as well as related careers. Graduates may also elect to further their education by attending college or a post-secondary technical institution. Some fourth year students may have the opportunity to earn credits for real world employment.

Curriculum:

Year 1: Shop Safety, Appropriate Use of Hand and Power Tools, Auto Body Career Opportunities

Year 2: Basic Welding, Basic Metal Working, Basic Collision Repair Techniques, Painting, Fillers

Year 3: Advanced Abrasives & Plastic Repair, Advanced Painting, Bolt on Panel Replacements, Working with Glass

Year 4: Identifying Vehicle Damage, Damage and Repair Estimates, Welded & Bonded Panels, Shop Management, Customer Relations, Advanced and Independent Study

Classes meet for 3 periods/2 hours per day, 5 days a week

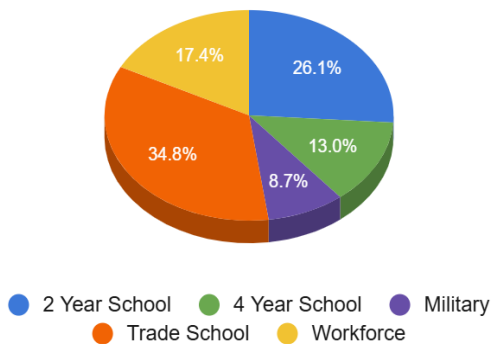
Average number of new students accepted per year: 14

Opportunity for professional certifications: YES

Opportunity to earn college credits: NO

Student Plans at Graduation

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FUTURE CAREERS

Auto Body Technician
Auto Body Shop Manager
Auto Body Business Owner
Collision Repair Estimator
Insurance Adjustor
Parts Assembler
Refinishing Technician

RECENT STUDENT POST-SECONDARY DESTINATIONS

Automotive Training Center
Lincoln Technical Institute
Penn College of Technology
Raritan Valley Community College
Rutgers University
Universal Technical Institute
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Recent Awards

2022	Silver Medal	State Automotive Refinishing Technology
2022	Silver Medal	State Collision Repair Technology
2022	Bronze Medal	State Custom Automotive Painting
2023	Bronze Medal	State Custom Automotive Painting
2023	Bronze Medal	State Automotive Refinishing Technology
2023	Gold Medal	State Collision Repair Technology
2024	Gold Medal	State Collision Repair Technology



All SCVTHS students have the opportunity to compete for state and national recognition in the annual SkillsUSA competitions.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel by providing educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in the nation's classrooms.

All Somerset County Vocational & Technical School programs are supported by a community advisory panel.

The Auto Body advisory panel members include skilled workers and industry professionals from:

3M Company
Sal's Auto Body, Inc.
Britland Auto Body
Empire Auto Parts
Bridgewater Auto Body
Albert Kemperle
Pro Spot Welding



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