



# AUTO BODY REPAIR AND REFINISHING

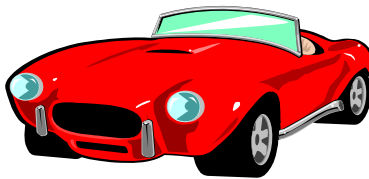
## Nathan Chukes & Robert McTaggart, Instructors

### TRAINING STUDENTS FOR ENTRY-LEVEL POSITIONS SUCH AS:

- Auto Body Repair Technician
- Auto Body Painter
- Painter's Helper
- Related Automotive Areas

### BENEFITS OF THIS CLASS:

- 30 high school credits earned per year
- Equivalency credits in English, math, or science may be available
- This is a two-level program leading to employment in the automotive refinishing industry
- Work on real cars in the CCOC Auto Body Shop; participate in real work exactly like it is done in professional shops and dealerships
- Gain information about the auto body repair industry



### IN THIS CLASS, STUDENTS LEARN:

- Use appropriate hand tools
- Use techniques of disassembly and assembly of auto parts
- Use methods that return cars to pre-accident condition
- Review estimating techniques
- Use auto body and classic-car restoration techniques
- Prepare cars for painting, masking, and sanding
- Perform structural repairs, straighten minor dents
- Use metal finishing and other finishing techniques
- Weld auto sheet metal and electric (MIG) weld repairs
- Use a variety of materials and equipment used in this occupation

### UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CLASS, STUDENTS RECEIVE:

- Certificate of Achievement
- Letter of Competency listing skills learned and the degree of master achieved
- Assistance in job search in the area of training

### JOB MARKET INFORMATION:

There is a constant demand for skilled auto body repair technicians in the automotive industry. These mechanics work in small shops and within larger shops and auto dealerships.

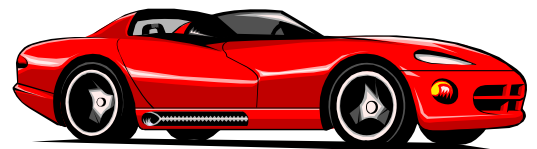
Typically auto body repair technicians are involved in some form of apprenticeships with an employer. Apprentices learn "on the job" while acquiring advanced skills and techniques. Successful auto body repair technicians are dependable, reliable, careful, and skilled in renovating vehicles.

Entry-level salaries start at \$8 - \$12.50 per hour and quickly increase with skill and experience. A journeyman, or experienced technician, can earn \$26 or more per hour, with an approximate annual salary of \$50,000 plus benefits.

### ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:

**Nathan Chukes**, a graduate of CCOC, has returned to share his knowledge and skills with the students. He is ASE Certified in Auto Refinishing. Starting as a prepper, he soon advanced to Apprenticeship painter, and upon completing his coursework he became a Journeyman painter. He has over 20 years experience in the trade.

**Robert McTaggart** has over 30 years of experience in the Auto Body field. He has worked as a Technician, Assistant Manager, and an estimator. He has ASE certifications in structural and non-structural repair.



# School-to-Career Pathway

