

AUTO BODY TECHNOLOGY

ASSOCIATE DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

2023-2024 CATALOG

DESCRIPTION

Students enrolled in these courses have the opportunity to expand their knowledge relative to auto body technology and develop entry level skills required for employment in the automotive collision and repair service industry. Successful completion of course requirements prepares students for certification as a professional body and collision repair technician offered through I-CAR.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

An Associate Degree, depending on the focus of study, is designed to prepare students for transfer into upper division course work in a bachelor's degree program, or, to prepare students to enter the workforce in a particular vocational field. To qualify for an Associate's Degree, a student must: (1) complete each major-specific course required for the degree with at least a "C" grade or better, (2) complete all Cuesta College general education, graduation and residency requirements, and (3) achieve an overall grade point average of 2.0 for all courses attempted (major, general education, elective).

A Certificate Program is designed for students who desire specific training to meet an immediate occupational or personal goal, or for promotion or lateral transfer within their existing field of employment. To qualify for a Certificate of Achievement or a Certificate of Specialization, a student must 1) complete all courses required for the Certificate with an overall grade point average of 2.0.

A noncredit **Certificate of Completion** means a document confirming that a student has completed a noncredit educational program of noncredit courses that prepares students to progress in a career path or to take degree-applicable credit courses.

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

- Associate in Science (A.S.)
- Certificate of Achievement (C.A.)
- Certificate of Completion (C.C.)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Aluminum Structural Technician
- Automotive Detailer
- Automotive Glass Installer
- Automotive Painters
- Auto Physical Damage Appraisers
- Business Manager or Owner
- Custom Car Builder
- Nonstructural Technicians
- Paint Preparation
- Production Management
- Refinishing Technicians
- Steel Structural Technicians

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Auto Body Technician — Associate in Science

Students enrolled in these courses have the opportunity to expand their knowledge relative to auto body technology and develop entry level skills required for employment in the automotive collision and repair service industry. Successful completion of course requirements prepares students for certification as a professional body and collision repair technician offered through I-CAR.

Required Courses (36.5 credits)

ATCH 160	Automotive Electrical Accessories	4
ATCH 168	Automotive Repair Business	3
ABOD 170	Auto Body Repair I	3
ABOD 171	Advanced Auto Body	3
or ABOD 177	Advanced Automotive Painting	3
ABOD 175	Automotive Painting	5
ATCH 284	Braking Systems	4
ATCH 186	Chassis And Suspension Systems	3
ATCH 188	Automotive Heating And Air Conditioning	3
ATCH 109	Introduction To Automotive Computers	2.5
WELD 270A	Basic Welding	3
WELD 270C	Welding: GMAW & GTAW	3

Plus, pass a minimum of two certification tests for the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

Total Credits: 36.5

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CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Auto Body Technician — Certificate of Achievement

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Required Courses (18 credits)

ATCH 160	Automotive Electrical Accessories	4
or ATCH 158	Automotive Electricity And Electronics	4
ATCH 168	Automotive Repair Business	3
ABOD 170	Auto Body Repair I	3
ABOD 175	Automotive Painting	5
ATCH 186	Chassis And Suspension Systems	3
or ATCH 188	Automotive Heating And Air Conditioning	3

Total Credits: 18

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TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree may differ from those needed to prepare to transfer. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with a Cuesta College counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

TRANSFER RESOURCES:

CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine:
www.ASSIST.org
 CSU System Information:
www2.calstate.edu

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that Cuesta College offers a full array of financial aid programs—grants, work study, scholarships, federal loan programs, and fee waivers. These programs are available to both full-and part-time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information:
www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid

Noncredit Auto/Body Collision Repair — Certificate of Completion

This program is composed of noncredit ATCH courses. Students who successfully complete all courses will be eligible for the certificate. Upon completion of this certificate, noncredit ATCH students will have acquired the skills for entry level automotive positions.

Required Courses (0 credits)

ABOD 570 Auto Body Repair I.	108
ABOD 571 Advanced Auto Body.	108
Total Hours:	216

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Noncredit Automotive Refinish Repair — Certificate of Completion

This program is composed of noncredit ATCH courses. Students who successfully complete all courses will be eligible for the certificate. Upon completion of this certificate, noncredit ATCH students will have acquired the skills for entry level automotive positions.

Required Courses (0 credits)

ABOD 575 Automotive Painting	162
ABOD 577 Advanced Automotive Painting.	108
Total Hours:	270

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