These technicians repair cars and other vehicles that have body damage or are in need of reconditioning in conjunction with ASE standards. The objective is for students to get the entry-level skills needed to start a lifelong career in the collision repair and auto restoration fields. During their time, the students will specialize in auto detailing, prepping, priming, painting, clear coating, MIG welding, resistance spot welding, and plasma cutting while working with sheet metal.

**Related Job Titles**
- Auto Body Technician
- Automotive detailer
- Automotive Paint Prepper
- Automotive shop management/shop helper
- Entry-level Welder

**Skills You Will Learn**

*How to:*
- Apply personal work, tool and welding safety techniques
- Utilize pneumatic shop equipment
- Fill and grind down metal surfaces
- Operate gravity fed spray guns
- Use MIG welders, resistance spot welders, and plasma cutters
- Understand basic auto body hand tools

**Preferred Skills for Career Field:**

*You should prefer:*
- Working with machines and tools
- Mechanical processes

*You should be able to:*
- Perform a variety of tasks which often change
- Work with a minimum amount of direct supervision
- Work with precise limits of accuracy

**Career Ladder**

Most entrants start out as apprentices and work with an experienced technician until they have enough experience to become an auto body technician shop supervisor, auto painter, or even a shop owner or an insurance adjuster.

**Continuing Education**

Ocean County Vocational Technical School
Brookdale Community College
Ohio Technical College
University of Northwest Ohio
Universal Technical Institute
Automotive Training Center

**Tech Prep Program**

A Tech Prep agreement is in place with Ohio Technical College, enabling students to receive advanced placement upon successful completion of the course and challenge exam.