







Training Institution Comparison Chart

for Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing

Before you register and pay out a large sum of money for your training, make sure you ask all of the following important questions.

Question	Training Institution			
	 VCC Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing	Other Institution	Other Institution	Other Institution
How long have you been training students	Over 59 years			
How many classes do you run at a time	From 4 to 8 classes			
How many students do you train annually	Over 900 students annually			
Are your courses Provincial Government Accredited 	Yes			
Are your courses Industry Training Authority (ITA) Accredited 	Yes			
Are your courses Interprovincial Standards Red Seal Accredited 	Yes			
Do you provide Entry Level training	Yes			
Do you provide apprenticeship training	Yes			
Do you have Journeyperson Upgrade programs	Yes			
Do you have online apprenticeship training	Yes			
Do you have online Journeyperson Upgrade training	Yes			
Do you have online Red Seal Review training	Yes			
Do your courses meet or exceed the ICBC CarShop™ program training requirements 	Yes			
Do you have an ACE-IT Program ACE-IT	Yes			
Do your programs follow a national course outline	Yes, the National Occupational Skills Outline			
How long are the courses	Collision Repair – 8 months Refinishing Prep – 5 months			
How much is the tuition	Collision Repair - \$2,369.60 Refinishing Prep - \$1,481.00 (04/09 prices)			
What is the class size	Maximum 16 students per class			
How much shop/class time is there	25 hours per week + practicum			
Are the course credits post secondary transferable	Yes			
Are your instructors certified in the trade	Yes, Provincial and Interprovincial			

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How much experience do your instructors have	We have 10 instructors with combined industry experience of over 290 years			
Have your instructors completed the Provincial Instructor Diploma Program	Yes			
How big is your shop	16,000 sq. ft. (1486 sq. m.) which can accommodate up to 30 vehicles			
Do the students work on vehicles	Yes, we run the shop like a commercial body shop with customer vehicles coming in for the students to work on			
Do you have tools for the students to use	Yes, our shop has a huge array of the most modern equipment available			
Do I need to purchase a set of tools in order to take your course	No, our tool room has an extensive collection of tools for you to borrow from			
Does your shop have a spray booth	Yes, 2 booths			
Do you train outside of the lower mainland in BC	Yes			
Do you have International Training Partnerships & train outside of Canada	Yes			
Do you accept International Students	Yes, we have a diploma program for international students			
Do you have a High School Work Experience program	Yes			
Do paint and equipment manufacturers use your facility for their upgrade training	Yes			
Do the students go out for work experience	Yes			
Do you help find jobs for students	Yes			
Do you participate in the Skills Canada Competition	Yes			
Do you have bursaries available to students	Yes			
Does your institution have a financial assistance program	Yes			
Does your institution have a cafeteria and a library	Yes			
Do you have interpreters for the deaf & hard of hearing	Yes			
Does your institution have a Learning Centre	Yes, our Learning Centre is here to assist students with learning problems or ESL issues			
Can I get there by Sky Train	Yes, and by bus			
Do you have parking available	Yes			

