

# What exactly does an Auto Refinishing Prep Tech do?

"...preparing for restoring vehicle finishes once body work has been completed and prior to painting... removing layers of sub-coating; mixing undercoats; preparing metal surfaces for painting by spot filling, sanding, and masking; applying primers, and primer surfacers; and cleaning and polishing painted surfaces."

# Why is this a wonderful opportunity to do in my grade 12 year?

It saves you about \$1,700 in tuition You earn your Level 1 technical training while still in high school.

A fully certified ('Red Seal') Auto Refinishing Pep Tech will take 1 level of technical training and 1,680 hours of employment in this trade... you are well on your way on your career path!

## Technical Training Partner

This "Youth TRAIN in Trades" postsecondary training program is a partnership between the Coquitlam School District 43 and Vancouver Community College (VCC). Feel free to contact any of the people below to ask questions or receive more information.





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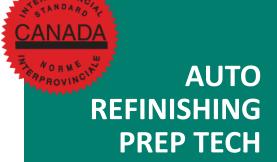
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## More Info, including Apps

Please visit our website:

www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms





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# **Pre-Requisites**

You <u>must</u> have the following courses completed before entering the program:

- English 11
- any Math 11 ("C+")
- Auto 11 or any Tech Ed course

Part of the program will be prepping and learning about painting vehicles, it might be **suggested** to have experience in the following courses or areas:

• Art (gain an understanding of colour)

# **Equipment & Costs**

Tuition: Free! SD43 will cover this fee.

**Student fee**: approximately **\$500**. (study materials, UPass, and other VCC fees)

Students must supply their own **CSA** approved **safety boots** and (clear) **safety glasses.** 

### Program Schedule

This **5-month program** is taught at **VCC** (Broadway site) for **all of semester 2**. It runs **Monday to Thursday** (8.00am – 3.00pm). Students do <u>not</u> get a Spring Break, they will be attending VCC... but **no school on Fridays!** 

# **Program Credits**

Students who successfully pass this Trades Training program will gain:

- **16 high school credits** (grade 12 level) that count towards graduation
- VCC course credits
- Level 1 technical training recognized by the Industry Training Authority (ITA) and 450 certification hours

#### **Application Process**

Go to:

www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms (select the trade) to learn more about the program and to print off an application (top link in right column).

Completed **application forms**, which include a **letter of reference** and an **updated resume**, are submitted to their **counselors**.

Applications are taken on a "rolling basis", meaning students can apply any time after Sept. 1st of the current school year for the following school year's intake

The Coquitlam coordinator will do a personal interview once a completed application is received, Final decisions are made in mid-May but early offers of acceptance will be granted in some areas where there is strong application.

**Program intake** limited to 1-2 students



# Is this Auto Refinishing Prep Tech Program right for me?

This amazing opportunity is appropriate for students who demonstrate the following:

- Passion with working with their hands to prepare cars and light trucks for painting
- Ability to work safely at all times
- Good reading comprehension and study skills
- Desire to continue into the "Automotive Painting" trade Almost perfect attendance and punctuality record
- Physical and mental abilities to perform the daily tasks associated in working in the industry
- High degree of commitment and maturity
- Ability to multi-task
- Good interpersonal / client skills