

Motor Vehicle

Why study Motor Vehicle with us?

- Start your career in a thriving trade. Despite the recent recession, the motor vehicle industry remains buoyant with plenty of employment opportunities.
- Our facilities are excellent, with newly refurbished industry-standard equipment and one of the newest state-of-the-art paint booths in the Midlands, new welders and new jig in the body shop.
- Learn in a realistic working environment in our garage which offers a servicing and body repair service to college staff and their families. Few other colleges have such facilities, together with the staff and the ethos to allow it to flourish.
- If you are employed in the Motor Vehicle industry you can do an Apprenticeship with us and our work-based assessors will visit you at work to assess your progress. It's also easy to move across from a full-time course to an Apprenticeship if you find a job in the industry part way through your course.
- With BTEC Extended Diplomas starting in September 2012, we will be offering an academic route to university and we also offer a motor vehicle engineering route to university courses.
- Find a route into employment in the Northamptonshire motorsport corridor through our Motorsport BTEC.
- We provide a range of training at different levels - everything from employees for fast-fit companies, to personnel for specialist dealerships.





The course really stood out to me, it looked interesting and was something new. I'm currently on the second year and have picked up lots of new skills such as how to repair vehicles, filler and welding. I also get to work on cars, which is something I'm enjoying. I never considered doing anything like this after leaving school but I'm glad I did, I've just secured an apprenticeship through the course with a national motor vehicle repair and auction company. The course has taught me new skills and I hope to put these into practice in my new role.



Alex Simmons, decided to enrol on an NVQ Level 2 in Vehicle Body Repair after attending an open evening at the college.

Motor Vehicle and Body Repair Level 1 Diploma

1 year • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements

Interview. GCSEs at grade D or above in Maths, English and a Science.

This course provides an introduction to routine servicing, using up-to-date vehicles and rigs, interpreting technical information, repair, replacement and manual skills as well as health, safety and welfare in the working environment. It includes the study of Functional Skills in Maths and English.

Future options

Courses: Level 2 Diploma
Employment: employment as a Garage Apprentice, parts Apprentice or basic fitting in an exhaust/tyre centre.

Automotive Servicing & Repair Level 2 Diploma

1 year • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements

Interview. City & Guilds/IMI Progression Award in Automotive Servicing and Repair Level 1, though in some cases students may be able to enrol on this course without the Level 1 qualification.

This course provides intermediate level study in routine servicing, using up-to-date vehicles and rigs, interpreting technical information, repair, replacement and manual skills and health, safety and welfare in the working environment.

Future Options

Career: employment within the motor vehicle service industry.
Courses: Level 3 in Automotive Servicing and Repair.

Automotive Servicing & Repair Level 3 Diploma

1 year • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements

Interview and City & Guilds/IMI Progression Award in Automotive Servicing and Repair Level 2.

This course is ideal if you want to further your career in the motor industry. It includes advanced study in servicing, using up-to-date vehicles and rigs, interpreting technical information, repair, replacement and manual skills and health, safety and welfare in the working environment.

Future options

Courses: Level 2 Bodywork course; Level 4 Automotive course.
Employment: in the motor vehicle service industry.

Motor Vehicle & Body Repair Entry 3 Diploma

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Entry requirements

Interview. GCSE English and Maths at grade E or above.

This course will give you an insight into both the bodywork and mechanical aspects of the motor trade. The course includes bodyfitting, basic body repairs, engine systems, chassis systems, electrical systems and Health and Safety.

Future options

Courses: Level 2 in Mechanical or Bodywork.





I would recommend Motor Vehicle courses to those who, like me, are practically-minded and want to get qualifications which will help them to get jobs. I am now moving into teaching the subject so that I can show how women can work in a trade that many think is only available to men.



Amy Price
Motor Vehicle Student

Vehicle Technology - Motor Sport BTEC Extended Diploma

2 years • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements

Four GCSEs at grade C or above, including Maths and English.

This course is ideal if you want to pursue various careers within the automotive motorsport industry. It will develop your understanding of motor vehicle engineering, engine technology, vehicle fault diagnosis, powertrain engineering, CAD-design, automotive management and motor vehicle science technology.

Future Options

Courses: HNC or university degree.
Career: Automotive Engineer, Vehicle Technician, Car/Engine Designer, Senior Manager, Motorsport.

Vehicle Body Repair & Paint Level 3 Diploma

1 year • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements

City & Guilds IMI Progression Award in Vehicle Body Repair and Paint Level 2.

This course is ideal if you have an interest in motor vehicle bodywork and have completed the Level 2. The course consists of 60% practical training which is carried out at our purpose-built repair centre and will enable you to gain City & Guilds Certification in Vehicle Body Repair and Paint Refinishing.

Future Options

Courses: Institute of Motor Industry Management Course. Career: employment in the vehicle body repair industry.

Vehicle Body Repair & Paint Level 2 Diploma

1 year • Paget Road Campus

Entry requirements

Interview and a Level 1 qualification in a Bodywork discipline.

If you want a career in motor vehicle bodywork then this course is for you. The course includes practical training carried out at our purpose-built repair facility that will enable you to gain City & Guilds certification in Vehicle Body Repair and Paint Refinishing. Study areas include basic panel beating, welding processes, paint-spraying techniques and computer-aided paint mixing.

Future Options

Career: employment in the vehicle body repair industry. Courses: Level 3 Diploma in Vehicle Body Repair & Paint.

Vehicle Repair & Technology BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

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Entry requirements

Level 2 qualification

You will study the technology of motor vehicle and you will train as an analytical engineer. You will be expected to push yourself towards a greater understanding of the industry, to think for yourself, to devise new products and to understand the wider aspects of the industry. The units cover most aspects of motor vehicle technology including vehicle systems, vehicle electronics, science, maths, engine technology and fault diagnosis. You may be able to study additional units depending on your commitment and personal requirements. The course covers the technical aspects of the Modern Apprenticeship and the qualification is recognised by most employers.

Future Options

Higher National Diploma/Certificate, Foundation Degree or other Level 4 courses. and students with this qualification have been successful in securing jobs.



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