



Imperial Valley College
ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Report of discontinuance of
Automotive collision repair major/certificate program

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Discontinuance of Automotive Collision Repair Program

The Economic and Workforce Development Division is requesting the discontinuance of the Automotive Collision Repair major and certificate program. The decision to pursue a program termination is driven by several factors:

1. Limited labor market demand for automotive collision technicians.
2. No full-time faculty members to promote, improve, and link with the private industry to ensure adequacy of training and curriculum.
3. Difficulty in recruiting adjunct faculty with required degrees and experience to meet Title 5 requirements.
4. Inadequate facilities to provide adequate teaching equipment and environment.
5. No plans for an Automotive Collision Repair lab and equipment in the new Career Technical Education building.

Labor Market Demand

A review of the State labor market information for Imperial Valley for automotive collision repair technicians indicates no projected openings through 2018. We also have no documented evidence of program graduates obtaining employment in the field.

Effect on Students Currently Enrolled

Currently there are 48 students identified as Automotive Collision Repair major/certificates. Students are at varied degrees of completion status. The discontinued plan includes the development of a schedule that will allow students the opportunity to complete their program. All impacted students have been notified via regular mail and email to contact the CTE liaison counselor to develop a completion academic plan.

The attached matrix provides the program effectiveness since the fall 2009. The matrix shows higher than average success and completion rates. Enrollment numbers and FTES are low due to limited Automotive Collision Repair courses offered by the college. No classes were offered in the spring 2010 semester due to the lack of qualified faculty.

Impact to Related Programs and Community

The Automotive Collision Repair program includes three courses in other CTE programs.

- AUT 125 Automotive Brakes
- AUT 155 Suspension and Wheel Alignment
- WELD 100 Welding Technology

The discontinuance of this program will not impact the enrollment for these courses as the courses are historically filled with other CTE students.

Students interested in a technical career in Automotive Collision Repair will need to pursue other training programs. Currently IVROP offers a similar program through a grant from the Workforce Development Board.

Projected Impact on Facilities

As indicated, the program currently lacks the adequate facilities to provide quality instruction and there are no plans to build a new Automotive Collision Repair lab in the new CTE building. There will be no impact on current or future facilities.

Budget Impact and Timeline

The 2011-2012 budget includes a total of \$18,911 for the Automotive Collision Repair program. The budget consists primarily of adjunct faculty salaries. In 2010-2011, a total of 13.4 FTES were produced. These numbers are consistent with the limited course offerings each semester. The discontinuance of this program will have no adverse impact on the budget.

Timeline

It is anticipated that the program will be discontinued by the spring 2013 semester. The timeline will be dependent on the number of students currently enrolled as Automotive Collision Repair major/certificate who will choose to complete the program prior to discontinuance.

Phase-out of Students

All students will be contacted to request to contact our CTE counselor to develop an academic plan consistent with our timeline for termination.

Phase-out of Faculty and Staff

There is no full-time faculty member in Automotive Collision Repair. The program has been instructed by adjuncts for a number of years. Adjunct faculty members currently do not have vested employee rights. No classified staff is assigned to work in this program. There is no impact to full-time faculty or staff.

Relevant Legal Issues

There are no identified relevant legal issues. The State Chancellor's Office will be appropriately notified of the discontinuance of the program.

Alternatives for Students

IVROP currently provides an Automotive Collision Repair program through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Consideration can be given to the articulation of courses with IVC to substitute for courses required for the major/certificate.

Contract Obligations

There are no contract obligations identified.

Report from Program Advisory Committee

The program does not have an advisory committee. The program was discussed as a part of the Automotive Technology Program. A meeting with industry is scheduled to discuss the intent to discontinue the program.