



Pre-employment Auto Body

This 12-week program provides an alternative entry into the auto body industry. Students will acquire the skills to prepare a vehicle for auto body repair by removing paint finish, taping, sanding and masking.

You will learn safe auto body prep and detail practices and procedures. Hands-on practice includes substrate preparation, application of fillers and undercoats, sanding, taping and masking, installation and detail, component removal, safety and tools.

With your hands-on experience, you will be ready to work in an entry-level position in the auto body repair industry. After you become an indentured apprentice, you will complete the 1800 work hours required for your Alberta journeyman certification as an Auto Body Prepper. Complete the remaining apprenticeship education and work hours for Auto Body Refinisher or Repairer; or combine all three areas for certification as an Auto Body Technician.

Is this the right fit for me?

Students with higher secondary or post-secondary marks usually experience greater success in SAIT's programs. You must be able to read, write and understand English at a level exceeding basic conversational English to be successful in this program.

Credential

Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive a SAIT certificate and may be eligible to challenge the written and practical exams for first-year Apprenticeship.

Admission requirements

Program requirements

Completion of the following courses or equivalents:

- At least 50% in English Language Arts 10-2
- At least 50% in Math 10-3
- At least 50% in one Grade 10 Science.

Or

- a pass mark in the SAIT Admission Examination (level 2) or equivalent is accepted in lieu of the above requirements.

All applicants must demonstrate [English language proficiency](#) prior to admission, including students educated in Canada.

SAIT accepts [high school course equivalents](#) for admission. If you don't meet the requirements, consider [Academic Upgrading](#).

SAIT evaluates international documents for admissions. After you've applied, consider our [international document assessment](#) service if your education is from outside of Canada. SAIT may also accept courses completed at certain [international post-secondary institutions](#).

When should
you apply?

Visit our [Apply page](#) to see when applications open and close for upcoming semesters.

To see which semesters this program has intakes for, look at the Available Intakes information at the top of this page.

[See when we start and stop accepting applications](#)

Direct entry: four-step process

Step 1: Read the program information to see the qualities needed for student success.

Step 2: Ensure that you meet all of the admission requirements listed above.

Step 3: [Apply to the program](#) and [submit your transcripts](#).

Admission will be extended on a first-qualified, first-offered basis until the program is full.

Step 4: Continue to monitor your [application status](#) through [mySAIT.ca](#).

You must [submit final transcripts/grades](#) to show you have completed the courses and met the minimum admission requirements by the transcript deadline or your seat will be rescinded.

Communication during admission

Email is the primary source of communication during the selection process. Ensure your personal email account is managed appropriately to receive our emails, files and communications. We recommend you add the transportation.info@sait.ca domain to your safe senders' list or you risk missing critical email messages.

When do classes start?

Classes for this program adhere to the following year start and end dates based on the semester the student begins their program.

Classes begin	Year start date	Year-end date
Winter 2023	Feb. 21, 2023	May 12, 2023
Spring 2023	June 12, 2023	Aug. 31, 2023
Winter 2024	Feb. 20, 2024	May 10, 2024

Costs 2023/24

Tuition and fees

The following costs are effective as of July 1, 2023. They are an **estimate** of tuition and fees based on the recommended course load per year. *

Domestic students

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees	Total
1	0.5**	\$6,768	\$157	n/a	\$6,925

**For a detailed breakdown of tuition costs per course, visit the [domestic fee table](#).

This program is eligible for [Canada Alberta Job Grant](#) funding.

Fees

Your fees are calculated based on the number of course credits you take per semester (approximately 16 weeks of study). In most cases, your fee is determined based on whether you're taking **more** or **less** than nine (9) course credits (more than nine credits in a semester are considered full-time studies.)

Fees are adjusted for programs with start dates outside of the typical 15-week program.

[Learn more about what your fees are for](#)

2023/24 fees per semester

Books and supplies*

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Books and supplies are approximately \$1,000 per full-time year.

For an estimate of the costs associated with purchasing a computer that meets the program's hardware and software requirements, see our [computers and laptops page](#).

[Learn more about your tuition and financial aid options](#)

*Tuition, fees, books and supply costs are subject to change.