

CAREER EDUCATION

The curricula in this section are based on clock hours rather than semester hours. Admission to these programs may vary from regular academic or technical admission. Refer to the section on **Admissions** for detailed information. Career Certificates are awarded to graduates of these programs. All Career students with deficiencies are required to attend reading, language and mathematics resource laboratory until deficiencies in these areas are corrected. Students who lack entry level skills in math, English, science, etc. will be provided related studies. All career programs have limited availability and competitive admissions depending on student interest. Each of these programs only admit in the fall semester.

Collision Repair Technology

Adviser: Smith • Offered at Senatobia campus only
Career Certificate

Collision Repair Technology is an instructional program designed to prepare students for entry level into the collision repair and refinishing trade. Upon completion of this program, the student should be prepared for beginning positions as body, frame, and refinish technicians. Students will be provided theory and practical repair and refinish work beginning with basic applications. The instruction includes all phases necessary to teach collision repair including glass replacement, welding, replacement of hardware and trim items, cosmetic, and structural repairs. Tool list may be obtained from the adviser.

Special admissions requirements:

1. Complete a Collision Repair Program Application.
2. Submit a current negative 5-panel drug screen.
3. Provide your own tools (tool list available on Northwest's website at www.northwestms.edu).

Students will complete ASE National Certifications. The required courses for the certificate course include:

FRESHMAN YEAR

First Semester	Semester Hours	Second Semester	Semester Hours
ABT 1146, Structural Analysis and Damage Repair I.....	6	ABT 1153, Structural Analysis and Damage Repair II.....	3
ABT 1223, Non-Structural Analysis and Damage Repair I.....	3	ABT 1236, Non-Structural Analysis and Damage Repair II.....	6
ABT 1443, Mechanical and Electrical Components.....	3	ABT 1453, Mechanical and Electrical Components II	3
ABT 1313, Refinishing I.....	3	ABT 1323, Refinishing II	3
Total	15	Total	15

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at www.northwestms.edu.

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Third Semester	Semester Hours
ABT 2336, Refinishing III	6
ABT 2163, Structural Analysis and Damage Repair III	3
ABT 2243, Non-Structural Analysis and Damage Repair III	3
Total	<u>12</u>

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE EXIT POINT

Commercial Truck Driving

Adviser: Eldred, Wilbanks • Offered at DeSoto Center-Olive Branch only

Career Certificate

The Commercial Truck Driving program prepares students for occupations in the trucking industry. It is an 8-week course which meets five days per week. In presenting the material, the instructor uses both the lecture and demonstration method of teaching with active participation and practice by the students.

The required courses for the Commercial Truck Driving Career Certificate are:

DTV 1114, Commercial Truck Driving I	4
DTV 1124, Commercial Truck Driving II	4
Total	<u>8</u>

Upon successful completion of the 240 hours, the student is awarded a certificate and 8 semester hours credit. Employment opportunities are excellent, and every effort will be made to help a graduate in locating a job.

Entrance requirements are as follows:

1. Must have high school diploma or HSE.
2. Must be 21 years of age.
3. Must be able to produce a valid driver's license. (Commercial license not required for admission; should be capable of meeting requirements).
4. Must be capable of driving a manual transmission.
5. Must present a copy of official driving record. (MVR)
6. Must pass DOT physical, drug screen, and blood alcohol tests. Results must be submitted before enrollment.
7. Must have CDL learner's permit.
8. **Application for admission to Northwest Mississippi Community College with required high school and college transcript(s) and ACT scores must be sent to the DeSoto Center campus.**

NOTE: This program is not eligible for financial aid; however, VA Education Benefits will cover the cost of this program for eligible veterans/service members.

The Commercial Truck Driving curriculum consists of four general categories:

1. CLASSROOM - Department of Transportation regulations, demonstrations, freight handling, defensive driving, accidents, insurance, customer relations, maintenance of equipment, etc.
2. FIELD WORK - Basic driving skills, handling of equipment, yard tests, various transmissions, etc.
3. ROAD DRIVING - Actual day and night highway driving.
4. CITY DRIVING - Actual driving in city traffic.