

Students' real world experience takes them a step ahead of competition

As the economy slows down, employers are looking for prospects that have real world experience. With students working in a hands-on environment, they become more appealing to companies.

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Above: Joe Schmidt cuts a piece of steel that he will use to practice welding.

Right: Martha Hum practices welding using an acetylene oxygen torch. Hum is an artist that hopes to learn more about welding in order to make and sell her art. The college's welding Web page states that there are over 75 different occupations that are listed by the U.S. Department of Labor that entails some form of welding. The college offers four types of welding. The USDL states that entry-level welders can make \$30 thousand a year and a experienced welder can make up to \$47 thousand a year.



Right: Matthew Shanahan buffs off an old gasket from an oil reservoir.

Bottom: Matthew Shanahan and Nesteor Rivera remove an oil reservoir from a Saturn vehicle. Automotive Instructor Mike Malczewski stated that an apprentice can make \$8 to \$14 an hour. Once the student reaches the position of journeyman the range of pay is \$40 thousand to \$100 thousand a year. Malczewski said that the field needed more automotive electricians due to the fast rate of technology and electronics that are installed in new vehicles.



Left: Bob Gould inspects an X-ray during his radiology lab.

Bottom: Gould positions a dummy skull as Amber O'Brien positions the direction of the X-ray machine. Assistant Professor of Radiology Pam Jankovsky stated that in the area the job market for X-ray technicians was down, but with in the U.S. the job market is on the rise. Jankovsky stated that the average entry-level technician can earn up to \$40 thousand a year.

