

Violin Repair

Red Wing Campus



OVERVIEW

The Violin Repair program at Minnesota State College Southeast, Red Wing campus, is a unique program designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in violin repair shops and music stores.

No woodworking or musical experience is necessary. Topics covered in the nine month program include tool preparation, materials, violin history, ebony work, violin varnish, violin playing, bridges and sound posts, bow rehairing, basic bow repairs, and basic violin repairs. Basic principles of repair and maintenance are emphasized, with as much in lab repetition as possible. The majority of time is spent in the lab, with a minimal amount of lecture time.

Our graduates have enjoyed a 100% job placement rate at shops and stores around the country over the past few years.

MAJORS WITHIN

Violin Repair - Diploma 39 credits
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PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Program graduates will be able to:

1. Perform a professional set up on a violin, viola, and cello. This includes fitting pegs, making nuts, fingerboards, saddles, fitting soundposts and bridges.
2. Diagnose and perform violin family repairs to a professional level of quality. This includes taking apart, gluing, reinforcing, making replacement parts, and repairing the varnish.
3. Diagnose and perform basic bow repairs and maintenance, including rehairing and grip replacement, to a professional level. Crack gluing and reinforcement may be included.
4. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the violin makers of the past and present
5. Identify natural resins, solvents, and oils, including their characteristics used in varnish making and touch ups
6. Identify instrument making woods and related materials, including characteristics and origins.
7. Prepare, make, and use basic and specialty hand and power tools.
8. Communicate effectively using written, oral, and electronic methods.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Unique in length and comprehensiveness in the United States

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Music Stores
Repair Shops
Musical Instrument Manufacturers
Entrepreneurial Opportunities

JOB PLACEMENT

100%

PROGRAM COSTS -
estimated cost including tuition,
books and supplies

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Violin Repair - Diploma

Sample Full-time Program Plan

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS		
	English/Communications requirement	2
	Math requirement	2
	Semester total	4
Fall Semester		
VLNR1301	Introduction to Tools	2
VLNR1305	Basic Materials	1
VLNR1312	Introduction to Violin Playing	1
VLNR1321	Bow Rehairing	4
VLNR1325	Bow Repairs	2
VLNR1327	Violin Varnish	2
VLNR1341	Ebony Work	5
	Semester total	17
Spring Semester		
VLNR1315	Violin History	2
VLNR1351	Bridges and Soundposts	8
VLNR1361	Violin Repairing	8
	Semester total	18
	Total Required Credits	39