

# Gunsmith Technology

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## Associate of Applied Science Degree

### Offered at MCC in Grinnell (Code: MVGSM)

Gunsmith Technology is a program that prepares individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills to make, repair, maintain, and modify firearms according to blueprints or customer specifications, using specialized hand tools and machines. Hunters, sportsmen, collectors, and firearms enthusiasts around the nation all need the services of experienced Gunsmiths to repair and customize their favorite firearms. Millions of dollars a year are spent on guns in the U.S. alone—that means there's a big demand for skilled professionals to keep the weapons working well! Salaries of gunsmiths vary by employment setting. HigherSalary.com lists the range of \$25,470 to \$48,605 a year, with the average salary of \$36,267 annually. Successful self-employed gunsmiths earn the highest income, though like many entrepreneurs, they may lack the benefits provided by employment within a larger company. Gunsmiths who are longtime employees in gunsmithing shops also earn income on the higher end of that range. This is a 2 year program that prepares the student to become a gunsmith working in a variety of gun shops, sporting goods stores, gun manufacturers, and their own business.

General Education		Credit Hours
ART101	Art Appreciation	3
	or	
ECN115	Personal Finance	(3)
	or	
LIT101	Introduction to Literature	(3)
	or	
PHI105	Introduction to Ethics	(3)
ENG111	Technical Writing	3
MAT790	Shop Math	3
PEH110	Personal Wellness	2
	or	
DRA110	Introduction to Film	(3)
SPC112	Public Speaking	3
	or	
SPC122	Interpersonal Communication	(3)
<b>Total</b>		<b>14-15</b>
Program Requirements		
BUS130	Introduction to Entrepreneurship	3
BUS141	Small Business Startup	3
GUS105	Gunsmith Machining I	3
GUS110	Firearms Bench Metal I	4
GUS114	Bench Metal II	3
GUS118	Firearms History & Development	2
GUS119	Stockmaking I	3
GUS123	Firearms Repair I	5
GUS135	Firearm Conversions	3
GUS140	Checkering I	4
GUS154	Gun Shop Records	1
GUS205	Firearms Machining II	3
GUS220	Machine Advanced Practice	2
GUS245	Stockmaking II	5
GUS248	Firearms Repair II	5
GUS293	Firearm Repair Workshop	3
GUS932	Practicum	3
	or	
GUS929	Individual Projects	(5)
<b>Total</b>		<b>55-57</b>
<b>Total Required Hours</b>		<b>69-72</b>