

Cosmetology

Cosmetology students earn 1,500 hours of training which qualifies them to take the Maryland State Cosmetology Examination.



Program Skills & Licensure:

- Life skills, communication skills, and presentation of a professional image
- Related sciences including bacteriology, infection control, anatomy, physiology, chemistry, and electricity
- Hair properties, hair design, shampooing, haircutting, hair styling, braiding and extensions, wigs and hair enhancements, chemical texture services, and hair coloring



- Histology of the skin, hair removal, facials, and make-up
- Nail structure and growth, manicuring and pedicuring, advanced nail techniques, artificial nail application, and nail art
- Salon business skills for industry employment
- Lecture, demonstration, and continual practice is used throughout the program



Program Requirements:

- Students must purchase specialized supplies, a cosmetology book, and complete uniform in the 9th grade course. These items will be used to complete the students' education, prepare them to sit for the state exam, and work in the industry.
- Students must meet the minimum 1,500 hours of training established by the Maryland State Board of Cosmetology, requiring additional time outside of the regular school day.
- Seniors must complete 300 hours in a licensed salon under the direct supervision of a Licensed Senior Cosmetologist to complete the course requirements for licensure.
- Students sit for the licensure exam at the completion of the 1,500-hour program to become licensed in their senior year

**The Maryland State Board of Cosmetology is under the International Board of Cosmetology, which allows the licensed cosmetologist to practice in any state by transferring their license.*

Internships:

Students participate in a Work-Study Program in a licensed salon and under the direct supervision of a licensed senior cosmetologist for the last 300 hours of their program during 12th grade.

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