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**place**  
to start for



# NAIL TECHNICIAN

The Nail Technician program provides specialized training in nail care including basic and spa manicures and pedicures. Basic and advanced techniques are taught in nail enhancements that include acrylic and gel nails, nail tips, gel polish, nail art, hot and cold stone massage and paraffin treatments. Practices of sanitation, disinfection, and principles of workplace safety, infection control and prevention are taught in each course with the proper use of tools, implements and product knowledge. Students are provided the opportunity to practice services while working in a salon environment on actual clients, models and manikins.

*Students completing the program will be prepared to take the Colorado State Licensing Exam. Dress Code is required*

Colorado State Agency requires a minimum of 20 credit hours and/or 600 clock hours. Upon meeting school requirements for receiving a certificate, a student may be eligible to register for the State Licensing Exam. Courses are taught concurrently, not individually, through competency-based, theory and practical instruction. Students must complete both theory and practical coursework with a grade of "C" or better and all clusters must be completed before testing for state licensing. Courses are evaluated by examination and demonstration.

In addition, the student may also earn the following industry-based certificates:

*Electric File Endorsement  
Waxing Endorsement*

**The following certificate may be earned:**  
Nail Technician

## Class Hours

7:50 am-11:50 am, M, T, W, Th, F  
OR 12:25-4:25 pm, M, T, W, Th, F  
OR 5:00-10:00pm, M, T, W, Th

## Estimated Cost

### Tuition\*\*/Credit Hour Fee:

<b>Semester 1:</b> \$1,560.00(Tuition) \$170.00(Credit Hour Fee) \$1,730.00	<b>Semester 2:</b> \$1,560.00(Tuition) \$170.00(Credit Hour Fee) \$1,730.00
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**Program charges:** \$500.00/semester\*

**Student ID:** \$10.00/yearly

**CTSO Charge:** \$20.00/yearly

**Textbook + Mind Tap (Online Access):** \$240.00 (plus tax)

**Mind Tap (No Book):** \$176.00 (plus tax)

**Nail Tech Kit:** \$505.00 (plus tax)

### Estimated Total:

**Nail Technician Certificate:** \$5,067.00 (plus tax)

### Must pass DORA License Test to receive Pickens Certificate of Completion

Students will be required to pay the program charge each semester they attend\*  
Based on Colorado Resident In-state tuition\*\*

*Additional costs may apply. All books, kits & supply costs are estimated. Cost, information, and classes are subject to change at any time. Books, kits, and other on campus supply purchases are non-refundable.*

*This certificate is eligible for Financial Aid. You may begin the Financial Aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) at [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov). If you have further questions, please call (303)344-4910, ext 27797.*



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## **NAIL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE**

**Certificate length: 2 semesters**

### **Courses required for this certificate:**

COS 150 Laws, Rules, and Regulations

COS 160 Intro to Disinfection, Sanitation, and Safety

COS 161 Intermediate I: Disinfection, Sanitation, and Safety

COS 250 Management, Ethics, Interpersonal Skills, & Salesmanship

COS 260 Intermediate II: Disinfection, Sanitation, and Safety

COS 261 Advanced Disinfection, Sanitation, and Safety

NAT 110 Intro to Manicures & Pedicures

NAT 111 Intermediate Manicures & Pedicures

NAT 210 Advanced Manicures & Pedicures

NAT 211 Application of Artificial Nails

NAT 230 Nail Tech Prep for State Board

### **Nail Technician Certificate Total:**

Total: Clock Hours: 720 Credit Hours: 24

*Please visit [www.pickenstech.org](http://www.pickenstech.org) to view our catalog online for course descriptions*

## **Career Opportunities**

Become your own boss by renting your own station at a salon or a spa. You can choose the clients you want to work on and enjoy a flexible work schedule fits your lifestyle and needs or enjoy the freedom and financial rewards that come with owning your own salon. You enjoy your own client base and choose your work hours. In addition Nail Technicians may become celebrity nail professionals for the theatrical performances or travel the globe by signing on with one of many world-class cruise lines that employ spa and salon specialists.

## **Work Environment**

The work environment involves normal everyday hazards or discomforts typical of most work environments. Comfortable levels of temperature, ventilation, lighting and sound are inherent in the work environment. Exposure to deviations from pleasant environmental conditions is only occasional.

## **Skills Needed**

-Good communication skills

-Business and financial experience

-Artistic skill and ability

Follow established procedures to create nail enhancements, gives manicures, pedicures, and other beauty treatments. Maintains beauty shop in sanitary condition; sterilizes all equipment used; maintains records and orders supplies. Workers must be able to identify basic differences in situations to determine the actions which need to be taken.

**Salary Range:** Manicurists and Pedicurists: \$26,000 annually

## **Careers**

Spa Owner

Product Representative

Inventor for product lines

## **Further your education to become:**

Salon or Spa Owner

Platform Artist

Product Rep

Nail Technology Instructor

