



# NAIL TECHNICIAN

## Nail Technician Certification

Provide services on natural and artificially enhanced nails

The curriculum includes an on site internship through Pickens Salon. Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared to earn the Industry Based certificates: Electric File Endorsement and Waxing Endorsement. The Nail Technician Program will help students learn a variety of skills used in the industry, including the following:

- Sanitize tools, equipment, facilities or work areas
- Perform pedicures and manicures
- Treat nails by shaping, filing, and polishing
- Use acrylic and gel nail techniques
- Provide stone massages, paraffin treatments, and other hand treatments
- Maintain client information and schedule appointments

### Prerequisites:

- Must be able to provide proof of citizenship or a work permit in order to obtain license and certificate of completion
- Student must complete the TABE test before enrollment

### Suggested educational levels:

- English literacy (reading, writing, speaking, and listening)

### Suggested physical abilities:

- Capable of sustained activity for 5 hours at a time

### Class Hours:

- Morning: 7:50am - 11:50am Mon.- Fri.
- Afternoon: 12:25pm - 4:25pm Mon.- Fri.
- Program is 2 semesters in length. Morning and afternoon classes have a start date in Fall.

## Tuition and Credit Hour Calculation

### Semester 1

\$1,560.00 (Tuition)
+ \$170.00 (Credit Hour Fee)
<b>\$1,730.00</b>

### Semester 2

\$1,560.00 (Tuition)
+ \$170.00 (Credit Hour Fee)
<b>\$1,730.00</b>

Based on Colorado Resident In-State Tuition

## Estimated Program Costs (to be paid at Picken's payment office)

### Tuition and Credit Hour Fees:

Semester 1: \$1,730.00

Semester 2: \$1,730.00

### Required On Campus Costs:

Program Charges: \$500.00 (each semester)

Student ID: \$10.00 (each year)

Proxy Disc: \$15.00 (semester 1)

CTSO Charge: \$20.00 (each year)

Pivot Point (Lab, Text Book, Study Guide, Test Prep): \$339.00 (+ tax)

Nail Tech Kit: \$565.92(+ tax)

### Estimated Total:

**Nail Technician Certificate: \$5,302.00 (+tax)**

Student must pass DORA License Test to receive Pickens Certificate of Completion. Kit is non-refundable

**Credits:**  
**24**

**Length:**  
**1 year**

**Cost:**  
**\$5,302**



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## Courses required for this certificate: Semester 1

### **COS 1050 Laws, Rules, and Regulations** 1

This course covers laws, rules, and regulations governing the beauty industry in Colorado and accountability for the student, licensed individual, salons, and school owners.

### **COS 1060 Introduction to Infection Control and Prevention** 2

This course covers various methods of sanitation, disinfection; and principles of workplace safety, infection control and prevention. Topics presented in this course include: classroom study of bacteriology, chemistry of cleaning versus disinfecting products that are used in the cosmetology industry, and terminology dealing with infection control.

### **COS 1061 Intermediate I: Infection Control and Prevention** 1

This course focuses on the theory and daily practice of proper methods of disinfection, sanitation and safety procedures as related to all phases of cosmetology. Topics presented in this course include: terminology and training of disinfection, sanitation and safety procedures, and customer service in a supervised salon setting or specialized class.

### **COS 2050 Business Management /Personal Skills/Ethics** 1

This course covers salon management business practices and the knowledge and skills necessary to build a successful business. Topics covered in this course include: basic business management, interpersonal skills, basic techniques in salesmanship and customer services, job readiness skills, and professional ethics.

### **COS 2060 Intermediate II: Infection Control and Prevention** 2

This course covers infection control theory and practice of proper methods of sterilization, disinfection, sanitation, and safety procedures as related to all phases of the industry. Topics for this course include: terminology and training of disinfection, sanitation, and safety procedures. The individual's responsibility to provide a safe work environment is practiced.

### **NAT 1010 Introduction to Nail Care** 3

This course covers the proper use of implements used in manicures and pedicures. Theory and practical application of proper set-up, safety, sanitation, nail shapes, anatomy, product knowledge and terminology dealing with manicures and pedicures is covered. Training is done in a classroom or lab setting using models or other techniques.

### **NAT 1011 Intermediate I Nail Care** 2

This course covers theory and practical application dealing with different types of manicures, pedicures, nail art, and massage techniques. Theory and practical application of procedures, products, nail shapes, and maintenance of natural nails is covered. Students learn to recognize different nail disorders and their proper treatment. Training is done in a specialized class or in supervised salon (clinical) setting, using models or customer service. Proper sanitation and sterilization as it pertains to all aspects of manicures, pedicures, and nail art is taught.

## Courses required for this certificate: Semester 2

### **COS 2061 Advanced Infection Control and Prevention** 1

This course covers advanced training on decontamination and safety practices in a supervised salon and/or classroom setting and primarily focuses on student preparation for the Colorado State Board Licensing Examination in decontamination and safety for all aspects of the industry. Topics for this course include: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements for schools and salons.

### **NAT 2010 Advanced Nail Care** 2

This course covers advanced theory and practical application dealing with different types of manicures, pedicures, massage techniques, and nail art. Topics included in this course are: practical application of procedures, products, nails shapes and maintenance of the natural nails. Course will cover client education on different nail disorders and their proper treatment. Training is done in a specialized class or in supervised salon (clinical) setting, using models or customer service.

### **NAT 2011 Application of Nail Enhancements** 5

This course covers advanced theory and product knowledge of current industry nail enhancements to ready the student for employment. Practical application and removal techniques of nail wraps, tip overlays, acrylics and any current enhancements are practiced. Instruction is provided in specialized classes or in supervised salon setting using models or customer service. This course prepares the student for the Colorado state board licensing examination.

### **NAT 2030 Nail Tech Prep - State Board** 4

Provides preparation for State Boards. Allows the student the opportunity to gain knowledge in the practical and/or written examination required by the Colorado Board of Barber/Cosmetology.

## NAIL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE

**Certificate Total:** Clock Hours: 740 Credit Hours: 24

**Certificate Length:** 2 semesters

Additional costs may apply. All books, kits & supply costs are estimated. Cost, information, and classes are subject to change. Statistics present are based on the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. 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.