



COSMETOLOGY

Cosmetology Certification

Perform haircuts, color services, perms, styling, skincare, and nail services

Majority of program curriculum is composed of hair styling service knowledge. The course curriculum includes an on site internship through the Pickens Salon. By the end of the program, students will have earned the minimum 50 credit hours and 1500 clock hours to take the Colorado State Agency Licensing Exam and become a certified cosmetologist. The cosmetology program will help students learn a variety of skills used in the industry, including the following:

- Perform perms, cuts, blow-outs, relaxers, and other hair related services
- Basic techniques of esthetician and nail services
- Sanitize tools, equipment, facilities or work areas
- Apply solutions to hair, nails, and skin for therapeutic or cosmetic purposes

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 entrance exam 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 4 semesters in length, with start dates in Fall.

Tuition and Credit Hour Calculation

Semester 1

\$2,329.00 (Tuition)
+ \$220.00 (Credit Hour Fee)
\$2,549.00

Semester 2

\$1,781.00 (Tuition)
+ \$180.00 (Credit Hour Fee)
\$1,961.00

Semester 3

\$2,466.00 (Tuition)
+ \$230.00 (Credit Hour Fee)
\$2,696.00

Semester 4

\$1,644.00 (Tuition)
+ \$170.00 (Credit Hour Fee)
\$1,814.00

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: \$2,549.00

Semester 2: \$1,961.00

Semester 3: \$2,696.00

Semester 4: \$1,814.00

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): \$375.00 (+ tax)

Book Only: \$118.00 (+ tax)

Cosmetology Kit: \$1,086.58 (+ tax) (non-refundable)

Estimated Total:

Cosmetology Certificate: \$12,591.00 (+tax)

Credits:
50

DORA Equivalent

Length:
2 years

Cost:
\$12,591



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Courses required for this certificate: Semester 1

COS 1003 Introduction to Hair and Scalp

1
Introduces various types of scalp treatments, shampoos, and conditioners. This course covers hair and scalp disorders, product knowledge, and proper massage techniques. This course provides training in a lab or classroom setting.

COS 1 010 Introduction to Haircoloring

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Introduces theory pertaining to the law of color, theory of color, chemistry of color, product knowledge, and analysis of hair and scalp. This course covers basic application techniques and procedures for the application of haircolor.

COS 1020 Introduction to Haircutting

2
Introduces haircutting theory relevant to patron protection, angles, elevations, and the analysis of hair textures as related to hair cutting procedures. This course covers proper use and care of hair cutting implements, basic hair cutting techniques using various cutting implements, and disinfection and sanitation procedures as they relate to haircutting.

COS 1030 Introduction to Hair-styling

2
Combines theory with the practical application of hairstyling. This course covers roller placement, hair molding and shaping, pin curls, finger waves, comb-out techniques, air forming, thermal straightening, or curling for short to long hair.

COS 1040 Introduction to Chemical Texture

1
Introduces a combination of theory and practice focusing on the analysis of hair and scalp, proper equipment and product knowledge. Includes basic techniques in permanent waving and chemical relaxing. Provides training in a classroom or lab setting on mannequins or live models.

COS 1050 Laws, Rules & 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.

EST 1010 Introduction to Skin Care

3
This course covers the study of skin in both theory and practical applications for skin care professionals. Topics included in the course are: skin structure and function, massage manipulations while providing facials, and the benefits derived from a proper facial, and good skin care routines. Training is conducted in a classroom or lab setting using manikins or models.

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.

Courses required for this certificate: Semester 2

COS 1011 Intermediate I: Haircoloring

2
Expands on haircoloring theory and practical application of color products, formulations of color, level and shades of color. Students will learn application techniques in a specialized class or in a supervised salon setting.

COS 1021 Intermediate I: Haircutting

2
Expands on basic haircutting theory incorporating facial shapes, head and body forms to determine the appropriate techniques required to complete a client haircut. Students will apply hair cutting techniques in specialized classes or in the supervised salon.

COS 1031 Intermediate I: Hair Styling

2
This course covers the accepted methods of styling hair, air forming, roller sets, finger waves, pin curls, braiding, and hair pressing.

COS 1041 Intermediate I: Chemical Texture

1
Emphasizes theory and practical application of chemical texture, including permanent waves and chemical relaxers, in a supervised salon setting. Students will practice different wrapping techniques required by trend styles in a classroom or salon setting.

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 2003 Intermediate I: Hair and Scalp

1
This course covers theory and practical training in shampoos, rinses, and conditioners and examines advanced techniques to prepare the student for employment. Instruction includes preparation for the Colorado State Board Licensing Examination for shampoos, rinses, and conditioners.

EST 1011 Intermediate Skin Care

2
This course covers skin care and practical application pertaining to anatomy, skin disorders, skin types and facial shapes. Students will help patrons to select the proper skin care treatment(s). Practical and theory application can be done in specialized classes or supervised salon setting using models or customer service.

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 3

COS 2010 Intermediate II: Haircoloring

2
This course covers theory and practical application of color products, formulations of color, level and shades of color. Students will practice haircoloring techniques in a specialized class or in a supervised salon setting.

COS 2020 Intermediate II: Haircutting

2
This course covers haircutting theory related to facial shapes, head and body forms to determine the techniques necessary for clients specified haircut and practical applications of haircutting techniques for various client requests.

COS 2030 Intermediate II: Hairstyling

2
This course covers accepted methods of styling hair, including: air forming, roller sets, iron sets, finger waves, braiding and hair pressing. Students will practice hairstyling techniques for client purposes in specialized classes or in a supervised salon setting.

COS 2040 Intermediate II: Chemical Texture

1
This course covers theory of chemical texture and practical application of permanent waves and chemical relaxers in specialized classes or a supervised salon setting. Students will practice different wrapping techniques required by trend styles or per client request.

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.

EST 2011 Make-up for Skin Care Professionals

1
This course covers cosmetics and their functions for the skin care professional, including the importance of color theory, facial types and skin tones as they relate to facial makeup. Topics in this course include: instruction from the basic makeup application, corrective makeup procedures, and disinfection and sanitation pertaining to all aspects of makeup.

EST 2012 Hair Removal

3
This course covers in-depth study and practice of hair removal and the practice of patron protection and safety. Training for general waxing and body waxing procedures are provided. Demonstration of disinfection and sanitation as it pertains to Colorado rules and regulations will be practiced.

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.

Courses required for this certificate: Semester 4

COS 2011 Advanced Hair Coloring

2
This course covers advanced theory and practical techniques in haircoloring. Course covers the recognition of color problems and color correction procedures in preparation for the Colorado State Board Licensing Examination. Topics in this course include: advanced techniques, color formulation, and product knowledge.

COS 2021 Advanced Haircutting

2
This course covers advanced haircutting techniques utilizing multiple cutting tools and emphasizes current fashion trends and preparation for the Colorado State License examination.

COS 2031 Advanced Hairstyling

1
This course covers hairstyling theory and advanced techniques in all phases of hair styling to prepare the student for employment. Training is a combination of supervised salon work and specialized classes. Students will prepare for the Colorado State Board Licensing Examination.

COS 2041 Advanced Chemical Texture

1
This course covers advanced techniques for chemical texture and current industry standards of practice to prepare the student for employment and the State Board Licensing Examination. Instruction is provided in specialized classes or supervised salon setting.

COS 2050 Bus Mgmt/Per 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 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.

EST 2010 Advanced Skin Care

2
This course covers advanced haircutting techniques utilizing multiple cutting tools and emphasizes current fashion trends and preparation for the Colorado State License examination.

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, nail 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.

COSMETOLOGY CERTIFICATE

Certificate Hours: 50

Certificate Length: 4 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. If you have further questions, please call (303)344-4910.