



# ESTHETICIAN

## Esthetician Certification

Help clients maintain healthy skin through skin care treatments, cleansing, and beautifying techniques

The course curriculum includes an on site internship through the Pickens Salon. Students will be prepared to earn Microderm Endorsement, Chemical Peel Endorsement, and Dermaplaning Endorsement industry certifications. By the end of the program, students will have earned the minimum 24 credit hours and 638 clock hours to take the Colorado State Agency Licensing Exam and become a certified esthetician. The esthetician program will help students learn a variety of skills used in the industry, including the following:

- Perform treatments such as: facials, hair removal, microdermabrasion, chemical peels, and other skin care related services
- Apply professional makeup
- Maintain, clean, and utilize skin care machines in treatments
- Provide treatment plans for problematic skin types, skin health and nutrition, and recommended products
- Sanitize tools, equipment, facilities or work areas

### 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 2 semesters in length, with start dates in Fall

## Tuition and Credit Hour Calculation

### Semester 1

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

### Semester 2

\$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: \$1,814.00

Semester 2: \$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): \$374.00 (+ tax)

Esthetician Kit(nonrefundable): \$963.74 (+ tax)

### Estimated Total:

**Esthetician Certificate: \$5,736.74.00 (+tax)**

**Credits:**  
**24**

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

**Cost:**  
**\$5,737**



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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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **EST 1060 Introduction to Disinfection, Sanitation & Safety**

**2**

Introduces the various methods of disinfection, sanitation and safety as used today in the industry. Classroom study of bacteriology and the terminology dealing with disinfection, sanitation and safety.

### **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.

## Courses required for this certificate: Semester 2

### **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.

### **EST 1061 Intermediate Disinfection, Sanitation & Safety**

**3**

Presents theory and the daily utilization and practice of the proper methods of disinfection, sanitation, and safety. Procedures as related to all phases of the industry. Training is provided in a supervised (clinical) setting.

### **EST 2010 Advanced Skin Care**

**2**

This course covers advanced techniques for massage, skin care, and lash/ brow tinting. Theory and practical procedures ready the student for employment and preparation for State Board Licensing Examination. Instruction is provided in specialized classes or in a supervised salon setting.

### **EST 2060 Advanced Disinfection, Sanitation & Safety**

**2**

Provides advanced training on disinfection, sanitation, and safety is incorporated in a supervised salon (clinical) setting. Advanced techniques will ready the student for employment. Student preparation for the State Board Licensing Examination in theory and practical procedures for disinfection, sanitation and safety.

### **EST 2090 Professional Development/Continuing Education**

**4**

Allows advanced training in all course areas and allows student training for State Licensing Exam. Hours will be arranged. Chemical peel and microdermabrasion training, required by the Colorado State Agency, will be covered in this class.

## **ESTHETICIAN CERTIFICATE**

**Certificate 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.