

COSMETOLOGY

Perform haircuts, color services, perms, styling, skincare, and nail services. Students earn 50 credit hours to take the Colorado State Agency Licensing Exam through on-site internship at the Pickens Salon.

hair services: perms, cuts, blow-outs, relaxers, etc. | sanitization & safety | nail, hair, and skin services | basic skin and nail care

Suggested Abilities

- 8th grade English reading, writing, speaking, and listening
- Sustained activity for 5 hours at a time

Prerequisites

- For licensure through the State Board of Cosmetology, students must provide a Social Security Number (SSN) or ITIN.
- Successfully pass entrance exam or provide acceptable documentation of reading level
- *High School Students: Meet with counselor for eligibility requirements*

Class Hours

- Morning: 7:50am - 11:50am, Mon. - Fri.
- Afternoon: 12:25pm - 4:25pm, Mon. - Fri.

SEMESTER 1

COS 1003 Intro to Hair and Scalp

1 credit

Introduction to scalp treatments, shampoos, and conditioners, with emphasis on hair and scalp disorders, product knowledge, and massage techniques.

COS 1010 Intro to Haircoloring

2 credits

Covers color theory, chemistry, product knowledge, hair and scalp analysis, and basic hair color application techniques.

COS 1020 Intro to Haircutting

2 credits

Focuses on haircutting theory, including patron protection, angles, elevations, and hair analysis, along with proper use and care of tools, basic cutting techniques, and disinfection procedures.

COS 1030 Intro to Hairstyling

2 credits

Integrates roller placement, molding, pin curls, finger waves, comb-out techniques, air forming, and thermal straightening and/or curling for all hair lengths.

COS 1040 Intro to Chemical Texture

1 credit

Explores hair and scalp analysis, equipment and product knowledge, and basic techniques for permanent waving and chemical relaxing.

COS 1050 Laws, Rules & Regulations

1 credit

Covers Colorado beauty industry laws, rules, and regulations, including responsibilities of students, licensed professionals, salons, and school owners.

COS 1060 Intro to Infection Control & Prevention

2 credits

Examines sanitation, disinfection, and workplace safety principles, including infection control and prevention.

EST 1010 Intro to Skin Care

3 credits

Focuses on skin care, covering skin structure and function, massage, and benefits of an effective skin care routine.

NAT 1010 Intro to Nail Care

3 credits

Examines proper use of manicure and pedicure implements, including setup, safety, sanitation, nail anatomy and shapes, product knowledge, and terminology.

SEMESTER 2

COS 1011 Int. I: Haircoloring

2 credits

Expands on hair coloring theory and practice, including product formulation, levels, and shades.

COS 1021 Int. I: Haircutting

2 credits

Builds on basic haircutting theory, considering facial shapes and head and body forms, with hands-on practice in specialized classes or a supervised salon.

COS 1031 Int. I: Hair Styling

2 credits

Explores hair styling techniques, including air forming, roller sets, finger waves, pin curls, braiding, and hair pressing.

COS 1041 Int. I: Chemical Texture

1 credit

Focuses on theory and hands-on practice of chemical texturizing, including training in trend-driven wrapping techniques.

COS 1061 Int. I: Infection Control & Prevention

1 credit

Covers theory and practical application of disinfection, sanitation, and safety procedures, including terminology and customer service, in a supervised salon or classroom setting.

COS 2003 Int. I: Hair and Scalp

1 credit

Examines hair and scalp cleansing and conditioning products, integrates advanced techniques, and includes State Board preparation.

EST 1011 Int. Skin Care

2 credits

Focuses on anatomy, disorders, skin typing, and facial shapes. Students also have the opportunity to select specific skin care treatments to address client needs.

NAT 1011 Int. I Nail Care

2 credits

Covers manicures, pedicures, nail art, and massage techniques, including nail care, disorder recognition, and sanitation, with hands-on training in a classroom or salon setting.

SEMESTER 3

COS 2010 Int. II: Haircoloring

2 credits

Deepens knowledge of color products, formulations, levels, and shades.

COS 2020 Int. II: Haircutting

2 credits

Builds on haircutting skills to consider facial shapes, and head and body forms, to achieve client-specified styles.

COS 2030 Int. II: Hairstyling

2 credits

Explores hairstyling methods, including air forming, roller and iron sets, finger waves, braiding, and hair pressing.

COS 2040 Int. II: Chemical Texture

1 credit

Focuses on chemical texture theory and practical application of permanent waves and relaxers, with specialty instruction in trend styles or client requests.

COS 2060 Int. II: Infection Control and Prevention

2 credits

This course addresses proper methods of sterilization, disinfection, sanitation, and safety practices used across all areas of the industry. It includes the individual's responsibility for maintaining a safe work environment.

EST 2011 Make-up for Skin Care Professionals

1 credit

This course introduces cosmetics and their functions emphasizing color theory, facial types, and skin tones as they relate to makeup.

EST 2012 Hair Removal

3 credits

Focuses on hair removal, emphasizing patron protection and safety. Instruction includes general and body waxing techniques.

NAT 2011 Application of Nail Enhancements

5 credits

Emphasizes theory and hands-on skills in setup, safety, cleaning, disinfection, and advanced product knowledge for nail enhancements. Students practice application and removal of wraps, tip overlays, acrylics, and more.

SEMESTER 4

COS 2011 Advanced Hair Coloring

2 credits

Explores advanced hair coloring theory and techniques, including recognition of color problems, color correction procedures, color formulation, and product knowledge, with preparation for the Colorado State Board Licensing Exam.

COS 2021 Advanced Haircutting

2 credits

Examines advanced haircutting techniques using multiple tools, highlighting current fashion trends and preparation for the Colorado State Licensure Exam.

COS 2031 Advanced Hairstyling

1 credit

Explores hairstyling theory and advanced techniques across all areas of hair styling.

COS 2041 Advanced Chemical Texture

1 credit

Teaches advanced chemical texture techniques and current industry standards, with hands-on instruction in specialized classes or supervised salon settings to prepare students for employment and the State Board Licensing Exam.

COS 2050 Business Mgmt/Per Skills/Ethics

1 credit

Addresses salon management and business practices, including basic business management, interpersonal skills, sales and customer service techniques, job readiness, and professional ethics.

COS 2061 Advanced Infection Control & Prevention

1 credit

Provides advanced training in decontamination and safety practices, preparing students for the Colorado State Board Licensing Exam in salon sanitation.

EST 2010 Advanced Skin Care

2 credits

Introduces advanced techniques in massage, skin care, and lash/brow tinting.

NAT 2010 Advanced Nail Care

2 credits

Explores various types of manicures, pedicures, massage techniques, and nail art, including practical application of procedures, product use, nail shapes, and natural nail maintenance. Students also learn proper treatment of nail disorders.

Cosmetology Certificate

2 Years

50 Credit Hours



Information Revised DEC '25. Information subject to change. Course listings have been paraphrased on this flyer, or full course info please see Pickens Catalog. This certificate is eligible for Financial Aid. If you have further questions, please call (303)344-4910.