

NAIL TECHNICIAN

Provide services on natural and artificially enhanced nails. Students participate in an on-site internship through the Pickens Salon, and are prepared to take the Colorado State Licensing Exam. The Curriculum trains students in additional industry based certificates: Electric File Endorsement and Waxing Endorsement.

pedicures | manicures | acrylic and gel techniques | sanitization & safety | nail services | client relationship & management

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 1060 Intro to Infection Control & Prevention

2 credits

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

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.

NAT 1011 Interm. 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.

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 2

COS 1050 Laws, Rules, and Regulations

1 credit

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

COS 1061 Interim 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 2050 Business Mgmt./Personal 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 2060 Interim II: Infection Control & 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.

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.

NAT 2010 Advanced Nail Care

2 credits

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

NAT 2030 Nail Tech Prep - State Board

4 credits

Prepares students for the Colorado State Board Nail Technician Licensure Exam, offering instruction for both practical and written tests.

Nail Technician Certificate

1 Year

24 Credit Hours



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