

COSMETOLOGY PROGRAM

Pathway Description

According to the United States Department of Labor, the U.S. employment rates for personal appearance professionals such as hairdressers, hairstylists, cosmetologists, skin care specialists and shampooers are projected to grow. Job growth in cosmetology is expected to rise at a rate of 13% by 2022. This growth could lead to greater demand for hairdressers, stylists, barbers, and cosmetologists over the next decade.

The field of cosmetology offers a variety of options for students to choose from in terms of career pathways. This occupation also allows individuals to choose which work environment suits them best. Our Cosmetology program is a four-year pathway designed for students interested in pursuing careers in the field of beauty that include: hairstylists, barbers, estheticians, manicurists, makeup artists, beauty product designers, and salon managers. In the first and second years, students are taught the basics of draping, shampooing, manicuring, pedicuring, hair cutting and styling, permanent waving, facials, make-up, and hair removal. The third and fourth years concentrate on hair coloring, chemical hair straightening, advanced nail techniques, barbering, hair extensions, and microdermabrasion.

The Cosmetology program fulfills the licensing requirements of the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology and provides students with the 1,000 hours needed to take the state exam. Students who have completed the program are given the opportunity to take the State Board Examination to become a Certified Cosmetologist.

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Course Sequence

CORE	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
ENGLISH	ENGLISH I	ENGLISH II	ENGLISH III OR AP LANGUAGE/COMP	ENGLISH IV OR AP LITERATURE/COMP
SOCIAL STUDIES	WORLD HISTORY	US HISTORY I OR PRE AP US HISTORY I	US HISTORY II OR AP US HISTORY II	FINANCIAL LITERACY
MATHEMATICS	ALGEBRA I OR GEOMETRY	GEOMETRY OR ALGEBRA II	ALGEBRA II OR PRECALCULUS	COSMETOLOGY IV
SCIENCE	BIOLOGY	CHEMISTRY	PHYSICS OR AP PHYSICS I	COSMETOLOGY IV
HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION	FITNESS AND HEALTH I	FITNESS AND HEALTH II	FITNESS AND HEALTH III	FITNESS AND HEALTH IV
CTE MAJOR	COSMETOLOGY I	COSMETOLOGY II	COSMETOLOGY III	COSMETOLOGY IV
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES	COSMETOLOGY I	COSMETOLOGY II	COSMETOLOGY III	COSMETOLOGY IV
WORLD LANGUAGE	SPANISH I	SPANISH II	SPANISH III OR ELECTIVE	APPLICATIONS IN ART

Cosmetology Program

Course Credits

Freshman

English I	5 credits
World History	5 credits
Algebra I or Geometry	5 credits
Biology	5 credits
Spanish I	5 credits
Fitness and Health I	5 credits
Cosmetology I	10 credits

Sophomore

English II	5 credits
US History I or Pre-AP US History I	5 credits
Geometry or Algebra II	5 credits
Chemistry	5 credits
Spanish II	5 credits
Fitness and Health II	5 credits
Cosmetology II	10 credits

Junior

English III or AP Language/Comp	5 credits
US History II or AP US History II	5 credits
Algebra II or Pre-calculus	5 credits
Physics or AP Physics I	5 credits
Spanish III or Elective	5 credits
Fitness and Health III	5 credits
Cosmetology III	10 credits

Senior

English IV or AP Literature/Comp	5 credits
Financial Literacy	5 credits
Applications in Art	5 credits
Fitness and Health IV	5 credits
Cosmetology IV	20 credits

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Course Descriptions

Course Title: Cosmetology I

Grade Level: 9

Credits: 10

The Cosmetology I course is the foundation for the Cosmetology Program. It will enable students to comprehend and perform entry level skills in wet hairstyling, including braiding, roller placement, pin curls, and fingerwaves, shampooing and scalp treatments, properties of hair and scalp, infection control, and basic nail techniques. State laws, rules and regulations, related theory, safety, sanitation and professionalism will also be integrated in this course of study.

Course Title: Cosmetology II

Grade Level: 10

Credits: 10

The Cosmetology II course entails more progressive practical skills – chemical texture services/permanent waving and its related chemistry; haircutting; and thermal styling, inclusive of blow dry styling, thermal curling, and thermal pressing. Skin structure, diseases and disorders, hair removal, facials, and massage and make-up techniques will also be studied in this course. During this level students are eligible to apply for a State of New Jersey Cosmetology Student Permit. Related theory, safety, sanitation, and professionalism are integrated in this course of study.

Course Title: Cosmetology III

Grade Level: 11

Credits: 10

The Cosmetology III course continues to build more progressive practical skills – techniques in hair coloring and its related chemistry, men’s hairstyling and grooming, chemical texture services/relaxers, wigs and hair enhancements, professional shave, and employment skills. During this level students will also work on clientele in the school salon to begin to prepare for the globally competitive workforce. Related theory, safety, sanitation, and professionalism are integrated in this course of study.

Course Title: Cosmetology IV

Grade Level: 12

Credits: 10

The Cosmetology IV course is the conclusion to the Cosmetology Program. During the first half of the school year students will continue to build their practical skills in advanced nail techniques, principles of hair design, chemistry and electricity, anatomy review, and the salon business. During this level students will also work on clientele in the school salon to prepare for the globally competitive workforce. The second half of the school year is dedicated to state board licensure preparation. Licensure preparation is designed to prepare the senior cosmetology student to take the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology Licensing Exam. It will include both practical and theoretical skills necessary to successfully pass the exam and obtain the state license required to seek employment in the salon industry.