State-Approved (Chapter 74)
Program Overview

# Cosmetology

**Licensed cosmetologists work in salons and shops across the country, as well as in advertising, television and film — making up a significant portion of the multi-billion dollar beauty industry.**

## What Students Learn & Do

Cosmetology is a hands-on and creative career that appeals to students who enjoy interacting with people in a busy environment. Through a mix of classroom instruction and hands-on practice, students learn a variety of skincare, nail care, hair care and beauty techniques. Because they work closely with people and handle a number of strong chemicals, safety and sanitation standards are reinforced throughout the learning process.

Students can earn the mandated 1,000 training hours required to become licensed cosmetologists, and build skills required for running and succeeding in a small business environment. These include customer service, marketing, employability, business finance, employee management, professional ethics and relevant Massachusetts laws and regulations.

Cosmetology students are required to meet the same high academic standards as their peers in other high school programs. These standards are set by the State of Massachusetts. In addition, concepts of anatomy, chemistry and mathematics are reinforced by cosmetology training.

## Licenses & Certifications

Programs will prepare students to earn industry-recognized credentials, and typically students will be able to complete one or more before they graduate from high school.

- Cosmetologist License
- OSHA Cosmetology Safety Certification (OSHA G10 or S/P2)
- Cosmetology Product Specific Certification for Sanitation
- Additional Licenses: Aesthetics, Manicurist
- Additional Product Certifications: Nails, Hair

## Options After High School

State-Approved (Chapter 74) programs provide precise training needed for entry-level employment in this in-demand career field. Here are some possible career opportunities for Cosmetology program graduates.

### High School Diploma

- Hair Stylist
- Apprentice Barber
- Nail Technician
- TV and Film industry

### Advanced Training and Licensure

- Esthetician
- Massage Therapist
- Hair Extension Specialist

### Bachelor's Degree (4 Years of College)

- Cosmetic Chemist
- Cosmetology Teacher
- Dermatology Nurse

### Advanced Degree

MBA (1-2 Years)
- Cosmetics industry executive

MD (12 Years)
- Dermatologist
- Cosmetic Surgeon

## Questions to Ask a Program You Are Considering

1. **What workplace experiences do you offer to students - at school, or with an employer?**
2. **What are some common next steps for graduates of this program and how do you support them to get there?**

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