



Cosmetology

Sypek Center

Cultivate your eye for detail and aesthetics with Cosmetology. This incredibly creative field presents endless opportunities in the wonderful world of hairstyling, barbering, manicuring, and modern-day spa services. This program of study equips students with the skills necessary to succeed by presenting instruction in classrooms that are equipped with pedicure spas, skincare machines, barbering chairs, and more. This program prepares individuals to cut, trim, and style scalp, facial, and body hair; apply cosmetic preparations; perform manicures and pedicures; massage the head and extremities; and prepare for practice as licensed cosmetologists in specialized or full-service salons.

The program includes instruction in hair cutting and styling, manicuring, pedicuring, facial treatments, shampooing, chemical applications, aesthetics, shop management, sanitation and safety, customer service, and applicable professional and labor laws and regulations. Additional educational enrichment opportunities are provided through community service activities such as days of pampering for senior citizens, participation in school productions, and the Career Technical Student Organization's annual SkillsUSA competition. Preparation for the New Jersey licensing examination is provided. Licensing requirements include a high school diploma or equivalent, 1,000 consecutive hours of cosmetology instruction, successful completion of an accredited cosmetology program, and a passing score on the required state licensing examination.

Cosmetology I

Grade Level: 11 Credits: 20

Cosmetology students spend both years of the program preparing for the NJ State Board Cosmetology Exam, including the practical, hands-on portion of the test, as well as the written exam. Year one includes properties of the hair and scalp, hair shaping, nail structure and disease, hair coloring and design, facials, skin care, chemical and electrical treatments, salon professionalism, and career development. Students will complete the OSHA 10-Hour General Industry (Cosmetology) course and receive an OSHA 10-Hour General Industry card from the OSHA Training Institute (OTI)—a credential that holds value for a lifetime. Students cover the first half of the required 1000 hours of training during this year.

Cosmetology II

Grade Level: 12 Credits: 20

Year two (2) is designed to prepare students for the N.J. State Cosmetology/Hairstyling License and a professional career in cosmetology or one of its related areas and focuses on hair, skin, and nail care for all customers. This course will include safety issues and practices, professional image, sanitation, hair and scalp care, hair shaping and barbering skills, wet hairstyling, thermal styling, chemical applications, manicuring, Pedicuring, nail tech services, skin care, facials, and make-up application, superfluous hair removal, salon business, and related sciences. The students must also complete the required 1000 hours of study and pass the course in order to be eligible to take the state board exam.



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Industry Valued Credentials & Certifications

OSHA 10 certification
NJ State Board Cosmetology License

