

Somerset County Vo-Tech Program Overview

Cosmetology



Employment of barbers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists is projected to grow 11 percent over the next ten years, much faster than the average for all occupations. Population growth will lead to greater demand for hair care services. In 2021 the median pay for barbers, hair stylists, and cosmetologists was \$29,680 per year or \$14.27 per hour.

(Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Students in the Cosmetology Program learn the fundamental skills to gain employment in the field of cosmetology, including hair care, skin care, makeup, barbering, and nail care. Students also learn the skills related to seeking and maintaining employment as well as small business operations. Course work is both hands on and academic. Students will have the opportunity to obtain additional certificates such as shop safety and extensions. During the course of their 2nd year, once students have obtained 600 hours they will apply for their permit which will allow them to work in a salon. During the course of their 4th year, students which have obtained 1,000 hours will have the opportunity to take the State Cosmetology Board Exam. Many students choose Cosmetology as a career and a means to help financially while attending college or university.

Curriculum:

Year 1: Foundations: Shop Safety, Responsibilities, Sanitation, Sterilization, Career Paths, Basic Life Skills, Basic Hairstyling and Nail Services

Year 2: Fundamentals: Booking Clients, Salon Operations, Advanced Styling, Basics of Haircutting, Make-Up, Skin Care

Year 3: Chemistry of Cosmetology: Hair Coloring/Lightening, Permanent Waving, Hair Straightening, Advanced Nail Care

Year 4: Professional Development: Laws & Regulations, Business Operations, Resume Building /Professional Portfolio, Shaving/Barbering, State Exam, Clinical Practice

Classes meet for 2 periods/1 hour 20 minutes per day, 5 days a week

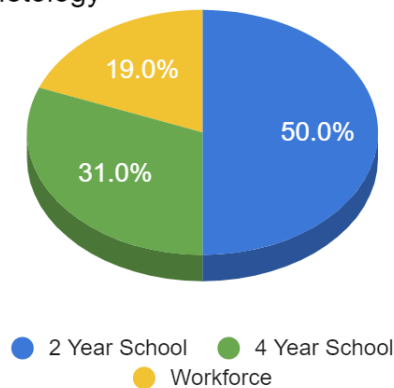
Average number of new students accepted per year: 25

Opportunity for professional certifications: YES

Opportunity to earn college credits: NO

Student Plans at Graduation

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FUTURE CAREERS

Hair Stylist
 Makeup Artist
 Barber
 Salon Owner/Manager
 Product Educator
 Nail Technician
 Esthetician

RECENT STUDENT POST-SECONDARY DESTINATIONS

Fairleigh Dickinson University
 Montclair State University
 Raritan Valley Community College
 Great Clips
 Hair Port
 Liquid Hair Salon
 Splash Salon and Spa
 Rutgers University

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All SCVTHS students have the opportunity to compete for state and national recognition in the annual SkillsUSA competitions.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel by providing educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in the nation's classrooms.

Recent Awards

2019 Silver Medal State Cosmetology Competition
2021 Gold Medal State Cosmetology Competition



All Somerset County Vocational & Technical School programs are supported by a community advisory panel. The Cosmetology advisory panel members include:

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| Cathy Quinn | Monmouth County Vo-Tech /Cosmetologist |
| Irene Weiners | William Paterson University/Cosmetologist |
| Amy Layton | Cosmetologist/School Coordinator |
| Joanne May | Representative for Special Populations |
| Vivan Fasano | CTE Teacher/Cosmetologist |
| Julie Francis | CTE Teacher/Cosmetologist |
| Jessica Cicero | Educator/Cosmetologist |
| Danielle Hunt | Manager/Cosmetologist |
| Susan Gaeta | Parent |
| Maureen Lawler | School Counselor |
| Nicole Gaeta | Student |
| Ana Maria | Great Clips |
| Helen | Great Clips |
| Nicole Totorello | Beyond the Fringe |

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