

Somerset County Vo-Tech Program Overview

Cosmetology



Employment of barbers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists is projected to grow 19 percent from 2020 to 2030, much faster than the average for all occupations. Population growth will lead to greater demand for hair care services. In 2020 the median pay for barbers, hair stylists, and cosmetologists was \$27,630 per year or \$13.28 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, 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, Basics of Haircutting, Make-Up, Skin Care

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

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

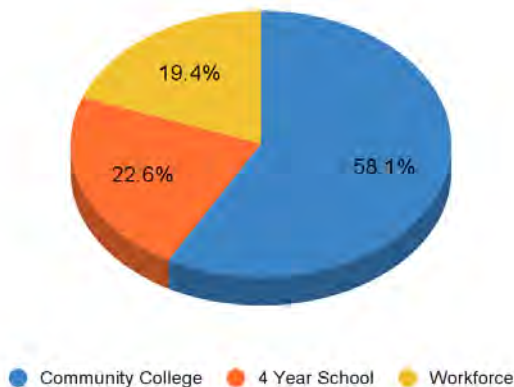
Classes meet for 2 periods/1 hour 20 minutes per day, 5 days a week

Average number of new students accepted per year: 25

Opportunity for professional certifications: YES

Opportunity to earn college credits: NO

Cosmetology Student Plans at Graduation



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

Recent Awards

2019 Silver Medal
2021 Gold Medal

State Cosmetology Competition
State Cosmetology Competition



Students work in a functioning salon, beginning with model heads and progressing to work with classmates and eventually with the general public. Academic classwork can be challenging and involves elements of both human anatomy and chemistry.

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

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| Virgina Arcelay | Cosmetologist/Parent |
| Erin Cagiano | Ulta Beauty, Manager |
| Tony Comito | Great Clips, Owner |
| Robin Dillon | Reflections Med Spa, Esthetician |
| Dana Garner | Signature Image, Shop Owner |
| Carly Posyton | Ulta Beauty, Manager |
| Alysa Rochefort | Zanya Spa Salon, Haircolor Specialist |
| Nicole Totorello | Beyond the Fringe, Manager |

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