

Human Services Career Cluster

The Human Services career cluster focuses on preparing individuals for employment in career pathways that relate to families and human needs, such as counseling and mental health services, family and community services, personal care services, and consumer services. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from community health workers to cosmetologists and nutritionists.



Cosmetology and Personal Care Services (VMHS) Statewide Program of Study



The Cosmetology and Personal Care Services regional program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with providing beauty and personal care services. This program of study includes managing personal care facilities and coordinating or supervising personal service workers.



Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1	T544 Introduction to Cosmetology (1 credit/ YL)
Level 2	T545 Cosmetology I (2 credits/ YL)
Level 3	T543 Cosmetology II (2/credits/ YL)
Level 4	T548 Practicum in Human Services - Cosmetology (2 credits /YL)



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Apprentice Stylist

Associate Degrees

- Cosmetology Operator
- Esthetics and Skin Care

Additional Stackable IBCs/License

- Class A Barber
- Eyelash Extension Specialist
- Hair Weaving Specialist



Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work part-time in a salon, spa, or barbershop • Participate in an apprenticeship at a salon to become an apprentice stylist
Expanded Learning Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour a salon, spa, or barbershop • Participate in SkillsUSA



Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- Cosmetology Operator License



Example Aligned Occupations

Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists

Median Wage: \$27,286
Annual Openings: 8,014
10-Year Growth: 25%

Skincare Specialists

Median Wage: \$35,112
Annual Openings: 778
10-Year Growth: 38%

First-Line Supervisors of Personal Service Workers

Median Wage: \$36,795
Annual Openings: 2,253
10-Year Growth: 29%

Cosmetology and Personal Care Services

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.



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