



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.

Regional Program of Study: *Cosmetology*

The *Cosmetology* program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities within the beauty and personal care industry. This program emphasizes skills in providing beauty services, managing personal care establishments, and supervising or coordinating teams of personal care professionals.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Grade Level	Courses
9 th	• Principles of Cosmetology Design and Color Theory
10 th	• Introduction to Cosmetology
11 th	• Cosmetology I
12 th	• Cosmetology II + Cosmetology II Lab



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



Aligned Advanced Academic Courses

Dual Credit Dual credit offerings will vary by local educational agency.

Students should be advised to consider these course opportunities to enrich their preparation. AP or IB courses not listed under the Secondary Courses for High School Credit section of this framework document do not count towards concentrator/completer status for this program of study.

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Work part-time in a salon, spa, or barbershop
- Participate in an apprenticeship at a salon to become an apprentice stylist

Expanded Learning Opportunities

- Tour a salon, spa, or barbershop
- Participate in SkillsUSA

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

IBC's Offered

- Cosmetology Esthetician License
- Cosmetology Manicurist License
- 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%

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



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