



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 and Personal Care Services

Approved in ESC Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, & 20

**The list of approved ESC regions is updated every school year. Be sure to check the CTE regional program of study website for updates.*

The Cosmetology and Personal Care Services regional program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities as 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 • Principles of Cosmetology Design and Color Theory

Level 2 • Introduction to Cosmetology

Level 3 • Cosmetology I + Cosmetology I Lab
• Barbering I

Level 4 • Cosmetology II + Cosmetology II Lab

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

- Cosmetology Operator License



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



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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