

COSMETOLOGY

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COURSE OBJECTIVE

Students will obtain the education and skills in preparation for the Pennsylvania State Board Cosmetology Examination. Students are eligible to take this exam after completing 1,250 hours in the program.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Cosmetology is a three-year course for tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students. The course will be operated by Western Area CTC under the regulations of the State Board of Cosmetology. Students with outstanding attendance will receive the required 1,250 hours of training needed to take the State Board exams for licensing.

COURSE TOPICS

Anatomy and Physiology | Chemical Texturizing | Chemistry | Design Decisions
Diseases and Disorders of the Scalp, Hair, Nails and Skin | Electricity | Hair Color
Haircutting and Hair Styling | Professional Development | Salon Business | Salon Ecology/Microbiology
Study of Nails and Skin | Trichology | Wigs and Hair Additions

REQUIRED SUPPLIES

Additional Manikins | Close-Toed Shoes (Solid Black) | Cosmetology Kit | Slacks (Black)
Stylist Jacket (Charcoal) | Textbooks

TEXTBOOK

Pivot Point; 1st Edition; 2016

COOPERATING COMPANIES

Geno Levi Salon–McMurray, PA
Great Clips
Holiday Hair
Philip Pelusi Salons

SmartStyle–South Strabane, PA
Stephen Szabo Salon
Supercuts

SPECIALIZED SHOP EQUIPMENT

Color Processing Machine | Deluxe Pedicure Spa | European Skin Machine | Salon Management Software

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

The Cosmetology Salon is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Evening classes are offered in the Fall and Spring, and daytime classes are offered in the Summer in order for students to achieve the hours required to take their state licensing exam.

CERTIFICATIONS

Pennsylvania State Board of Cosmetology License
S/P2: Cosmetology

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Douglas Education Center

POST-SECONDARY TRAINING OPTIONS

Bella Cappelli–Monroeville and Pittsburgh, PA
Douglas Education Center–Monessen, PA
Empire Beauty School–Pittsburgh, PA
South Hills Beauty Academy–Pittsburgh, PA
Tony & Guy Academy–Washington, PA

POTENTIAL CAREERS

Chemical Technician | Colorist | Competition Stylist | Cosmetologist | Cosmetology Educator
Cosmetology School Instructor/Supervisor | Esthetician | Ethnic Hair Specialist | Make-Up Artist
Manufacturer’s Representative | Mortuary Beautician | Nail Technician-Manicurist | Natural Hair Braider
Platform Artist | Product Educator | Salon Manager/Owner | State Board Examiner | Wig Dresser

COSMETOLOGY SKILLS

Active Listening — Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate and not interrupting at inappropriate times.

Speaking — Talking to others to convey information effectively.

Time Management — Managing ones’ own time and the time of others.

Coordination — Adjusting actions in relation to others’ actions.

Social Perceptiveness — Being aware of others’ reactions and understanding why they react as they do.

Reading Comprehension — Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents.

Learning Strategies — Selecting and using training/instructional methods and procedures appropriate for the situation when learning or teaching new things.

Active Learning — Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making.

Equipment Selection — Determining the kind of tools and equipment needed to do a job.

Critical Thinking — Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.

WAGES AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS FOR COSMETOLOGISTS

Median Wages (2020)	\$13.28 Hourly, \$27,630 Annually
Number of Jobs (2019)	722,600 Employees
Job Outlook (2019-2029)	-1% (Decline)
Employment Change (2019-2029)	-9,200

Source: *Occupational Outlook Handbook*

Washington County Labor Market, Mid-Range Annual Wage:

• Hairdressers, Stylists & Cosmetologists	\$17,560 to \$26,010
• Makeup Artists, Theatrical & Performance	\$26,070 to \$76,640
• Manicurists & Pedicurists	\$17,930 to \$27,160
• Shampooers	\$17,120 to \$19,810
• Skincare Specialists	\$30,850 to \$38,470

Source: *Pennsylvania Occupational Wages*

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER
COSMETOLOGY
2021-2022 Shop Requirements

Shop Uniform/Accessories

- Additional Manikins
- Black Slacks. (No Leggings or Yoga Pants)
- Cosmetology Kit
- Solid Black, Close-Toed Shoes
- Stylist Jacket (See *NOTE* below)
- Textbooks

APPROXIMATE COST: \$650

Sophomores entering the Cosmetology program will be notified by mail of a *mandatory* Orientation meeting to be held before the start of the school year. Questions, kit deposits and concerns will be addressed at that time.

NOTE: A charcoal Sport Crew Jacket (Style No. 9808SL) is to be ordered from Gavsonsalon.com. Please make sure when ordering you choose a size that allows for a shirt to be worn underneath and that it is able to be buttoned.

Lockers are provided for students to change out of street clothes into their uniform. Locks must be purchased from WACTC; cost is approximately \$6.

Clinical activities/learning situations may require that any body piercings be removed and any tattoos covered.

Students may be required to wear professional clothing for vocational student organization conferences, competitions and meetings.

All criteria is subject to change.