COSMETOLOGY, CERTIFICATE (606)

About Our Program

Highland offers training that meets or exceeds the State Department of Financial and Professional Regulation requirement of 1500 clock hours for state licensure as a cosmetologist. This program includes basic through advanced training in the area of hair care and styling, skin care and make-up, as well as nail care and extensions. Training also includes areas of decontamination, chemistry, salon management, anatomy, and salesmanship and business fundamentals, which gives the graduate additional entrepreneur skills. This program operates on a space available basis.

Nature of Work and Employment

Program graduates, once licensed, may find employment by implementing hair, skin, and nail care services to salon guests. Salons and spas today offer cosmetologists many opportunities to specialize in one area or provide all services to clients. Other career possibilities for a licensed cosmetologist include platform artist, salon owner/manager, or style director for television, print or theater, and so much more!

Special Considerations

Admission and enrollment procedures for this program are not the same as for other college programs and classes. Students interested in this program should contact Cosmetology faculty or a student advisor to obtain enrollment procedures. Graduates of Highland's program must also pass a state board examination to obtain a license to practice. A workplace experience is encouraged and may be made available.

Requirements

Code	Title	Hours	
Required Courses			
COSM 121	Cosmetology I ¹	6	
COSM 122	Cosmetology II ¹	6	
COSM 123	Cosmetology III ¹	6	
COSM 124	Cosmetology IV ¹	6	

Total Hours	45	
BUSN 124	Introduction to Small Business ¹	
BUSN 121	Intro to Business	
Select one of the following:		3
SPTP Cosmetology		3
BUSN 225	Personal Finance	3
COSM 132	Cosmetology VI ¹	6
COSM 131	Cosmetology V ¹	6

Course has a prerequisite. See course description.

Program Outcomes

Students who complete this program of study will be able to:

- Perform all masteries of the Milady's method for hair services, including cleansing and conditioning of the hair, hair design, haircutting, clipper cutting, chemical texture services, hair coloring, nail and skin, and eyebrow shaping.
- Follow disinfecting, sanitation and safety protocols such as hygiene, professional dress, and daily cleaning of the salon.
- · Communicate professionally with their clientele.
- · Complete clinic floor procedures requested by their clientele.
- · Complete inventory task list.
- Develop professional skills while following the state laws.
- Manage clientele appointments while performing their front desk skills, inventory, and self-marketing while following the state laws.
- Demonstrate proficiency of all skills required for the Illinois State practical and written exams for licensure.

Program Contacts

Call Highland at 815-235-6121 for the following program contacts:

- · Dr. Matt Magee, Dean of Agriculture, Business & Technology
- Amy Chamberlin, Cosmetology Faculty
- Tasha Marini, Cosmetology Faculty
- Vicki Schulz, Student Advisor/Transfer Coordinator

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