

# NAIL TECHNOLOGY, CERTIFICATE (635)

## About Our Program

Highland offers training that meets or exceeds the State Department of Financial and Professional Regulation requirement of 350 clock hours for state licensure in nail technology. Included in this program is basic through advanced training in the areas of nail care, nail extensions and pedicuring. Training also includes business fundamentals, which give the graduates additional entrepreneur skills towards salon ownership. This program operates on a space available basis.

## Nature of Work and Employment

Program graduates, once licensed, may find employment providing nail care services to salon guests. Salons today offer many opportunities for employment. Other career possibilities for a licensed nail technician may include educator, product company representative, or salon owner/manager.

## 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 an academic advisor to obtain enrollment procedures. Graduates of Highland's program must also pass a state board examination to obtain a license to practice.

## Requirements

| Code             | Title                          | Hours |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| Required Courses |                                |       |
| COSM 190         | Nail Technology I <sup>1</sup> | 4     |

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| COSM 192    | Nail Technology II <sup>1</sup>  | 4  |
| COSM 194    | Nail Technology III <sup>1</sup> | 4  |
| Total Hours |                                  | 12 |

<sup>1</sup> Course has a prerequisite. See course description.

## Program Outcomes

- Nail Technology students will be equipped with the knowledge, technical skills, and professional standards necessary to succeed as licensed nail technicians. Through the comprehensive Milady Standard Nail Technology students will:
  - Learn how to give manicures, pedicures, apply nail enhancements, and create nail art.
  - Practice proper sanitation and safety rules required by the state.
  - Develop good communication and customer service skills to work with clients.
  - Understand basic nail anatomy, common nail problems, and how different products work.
  - Gain knowledge about working in or running a salon, including business and professional skills.
  - Be prepared to take the state licensing exam and begin working in the nail industry.

## 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