

## **Cosmetology Facts**

### **Program Description:**

Cosmetology AAS degree seeking students will receive cosmetology training, providing skills and knowledge for entry level employment as a Cosmetologist. Courses include: Orientation, Fundamentals, Artistry of Hair, Hair Color Theory and Chemistry, Chemical Reformation, Nail Technology, Skin/Facial Theory, Hair Design, Salon Development, and Preparation for Cosmetology Commission Examination.

### **What will I learn?**

- Students will receive an overview of the skills and knowledge necessary for the field of Cosmetology. Basic fundamentals of cosmetology include: safety and sanitation, service preparation, nail care, skin care, chemical services, shampoo, haircut, wet styling and comb out.
- Students will be introduced to the basic theory and chemistry of hair color, including law of color, terminology, and chemical composition of hair color products.
- Students will be introduced to principles of nail technology, including anatomy and physiology, theory, and skills related to nail technology.
- Students will be able to apply critical thinking skills to a variety of situations and problems while working independently and in teams in a highly skilled and challenging profession. Using empirical and quantitative skills, students will meet challenges in the rapidly growing high tech sector of the profession. This exciting profession offers career pathways in all of the areas of Cosmetology and prepares students for entry into the lucrative field of Cosmetology. This diversity of job opportunities allows students to adapt their intrinsic social and personal responsibility ideals into a profession with unlimited advancement potential. Students will develop skills to pass the State Board Exam.
- Students will develop knowledge of the Cosmetology Industry and be encouraged to critically think about the global impact of the Cosmetology Industry. Students will engage in projects to develop their communication and quantitative thinking as applied to industry, standard practices, and procedures. Students will review and discuss social responsibility of the industry as it pertains to the environment, employees, safety, sanitation practice, and personal responsibility.

### **Student training will include:**

- Professional Ethics
- Goal Setting
- Salon Operations
- Record-Keeping
- Identification of fundamental concepts related to skills required by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations (TDLR)
- Demonstration of required skills as per TDLR Standards

### **How long will it take?**

- Graduates from the program will receive a Level I Certificate of Achievement upon satisfactory completion of all courses and a mock exam (in the classroom practice exam) with a grade of 70 or higher. Capstone will be administered upon completion of 1,275 clock hours as required by Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.
- 34 credit hours will be obtained for the Level I Certificate and 60 hours for the A.A.S. Degree.
- Upon successful completion of the entire program, with instructor recommendation, students will qualify to take the State Exam given by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation/PSI. Students are required to pass the written and practical examination in order to receive a state license to work.
- Coastal Bend College capstone is a TDLR written exam, and the practical exam must be passed with a 70 or above in order for the student to exit the program.

### **How much will it cost?**

Personal protective equipment (estimate)— Cosmetology kit—\$650, Book bundle—\$308.70, Lab jacket—\$37. In addition to tuition and fees— Students will pay a lab fee for courses requiring labs. This fee is based on materials, consumables, and supplies required for the particular lab. Lab fees may vary due to an individual's ability and materials required by the course labs. Lab fees for particular courses are listed in course syllabi and based on the average student completing the course.

***Contact program faculty for more information on lab fees.***

### **What is the job market?**

For recent job information such as median salary ranges, job growth/outlook, and job/career opportunities in this field, please visit the Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend Center at the Beeville, Alice and Kingsville locations or the Workforce Solutions Alamo Center at the Pleasanton site.