

COSMETOLOGY, ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE



College(s): TR

Program Code: 0461

The Associate in Applied Science degree in Cosmetology offers students an opportunity to gain industry knowledge and practice in haircutting, styling, chemical services, skincare, and nailcare. Additionally, students will acquire information about operating and owning a business to best prepare them to assume key consulting positions within the industry and to successfully own and manage their own salon. Training with live models and consultation with beauty-industry professionals are highlights of the program in emphasizing a myriad of career opportunities in the field. Required proficiency exams and exam preparation/reviews are part of the program in meeting the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation (IDFPR) standards. All discipline courses are taught by licensed teaching staff, using standard industry equipment, approved facilities, and quality course content that meets industry requirements.

In the Cosmetology AAS degree program, students will also complete general education courses that include English composition, mathematics, computer information science, and business courses. Additional elective coursework may cover topics in art or theater art to enhance visual acuity and perception in executing hair design and styling.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Coursework		
ENGLISH 101	Composition	3
Mathematics course		3
CIS 120	Introduction to Computer Applications	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences course (HD)		3
BUSINES 111	Introduction To Business	3
or BUSINES 211	Entrepreneurship	
Required Program Core		

COSMET 101	Intro to Cosmetology/Barbering	6
COSMET 102	Hair Cutting Technology	6
COSMET 103	Basic Styling Technology	6
COSMET 104	Basic Chemical Technology	6
COSMET 105	Salon Technology I	7
COSMET 106	Salon Technology II	7
COSMET 201	Advanced Cosmetology	6
COSMET 202	Cosmetology Summative Seminar	6
Total Hours		65

Pathway

This is an **example course sequence** for students interested in Cosmetology. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. If this pathway is followed as outlined, you will earn an Advanced Certificate (AC) and Associate in Applied Science degree (AAS) in Cosmetology. One course will satisfy the Human Diversity (HD) requirement, and is labeled with an (HD) in the sequence below.

Semester-by-Semester Program Plan for Full-Time Students

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.

Semester 1		Hours
COSMET 101	Intro to Cosmetology/Barbering	6
COSMET 102	Hair Cutting Technology	6
ENGLISH 101	Composition ¹	3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
COSMET 103	Basic Styling Technology	6
COSMET 104	Basic Chemical Technology	6
CIS 120	Introduction to Computer Applications ¹	3
Hours		15
Semester 3		
COSMET 105	Salon Technology I	7

COSMET 106	Salon Technology II	7
Hours		14
Semester 4		
COSMET 201	Advanced Cosmetology	6
COSMET 202	Cosmetology Summative Seminar	6
Hours		12
Semester 5		
MATH 118	General Education Math ¹	4
Social and Behavioral Sciences course (HD) ¹		3
BUSINES 111 or BUSINES 216	Introduction To Business ¹ or Entrepreneurship	3
Hours		10
Total Hours		66

¹ General Education Requirement

Choose your courses with your College Advisor.

Careers

This program can prepare students for the jobs listed below. Click on each one to learn more, including average earnings, annual job openings, and how much education people in that field have. For additional guidance and resources on career options, current City Colleges students and alumni can contact the Career Services Office (<https://www.ccc.edu/departments/Pages/Career-Services.aspx>).

Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists

Job Description

Provide beauty services, such as cutting, coloring, and styling hair, and massaging and treating scalp. May shampoo hair, apply makeup, dress wigs, remove hair, and provide nail and skincare services.

Salary Based on Experience Level

Take a look at the average hourly/annual earnings for this career in Cook County

Lightcast earnings figures are based on OES data from the BLS and include base rate, cost of living allowances, guaranteed pay, hazardous-duty pay, incentive pay (including commissions and bonuses), on-call pay, and tips.

Annual Wages

Entry-Level 10 th Percentile	\$19,679
Median 50 th Percentile	\$34,644
Senior-Level 90 th Percentile	\$75,652

Hourly Wages

Entry-Level 10 th Percentile	\$9
Median 50 th Percentile	\$17
Senior-Level 90 th Percentile	\$36

Annual Job Openings

1615 annual openings in Cook County

National Education Attainment

Here, you can see the level of education that people in this career complete.

Degree Program	% of Jobs
A high school diploma or less	20.93%
A certificate	78.97%
Some college	0.10%
An Associate degree	0.00%
A Bachelor's degree	0.00%
A Master's or Professional degree	0.00%
A Doctoral degree or more	0.00%

0.00% continue their education beyond an associate degree