

COSMETOLOGY

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Cosmetology Program is to provide accessible, quality technical educational opportunities that will provide individuals with the knowledge and technical skills necessary to pass the Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering Licensure Exam and to obtain entry-level employment in the cosmetology and personal appearance profession. The philosophy and purpose of the Cosmetology Program is consistent with that of the governing institution.

The certificate program is designed to produce graduates who, when licensed, are prepared for an entry-level career as a cosmetologist, natural hairstylists, barber, esthetician or manicurist. Other careers that may be obtained through further education in the cosmetology field are beauty consultant for publishing, salon owner, educational specialist or platform artist, and other careers in the beauty industry. Program graduates are to be competent in the academic areas of communications, mathematics, computer literacy, and human relations and in the technical areas of wet hairstyling, thermal hairstyling, thermal straightening, hair cutting/shaping, hair color, skin care, manicuring and pedicuring, permanent waving, facials, facial makeup, hair removal, and chemical hair relaxing. Reid State Technical College will accomplish program objectives by providing students with a comprehensive general education and technical training in the core area of cosmetology. The program is carefully constructed to provide the student with skills and knowledge required for the Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering Licensure Examination. The occupational skill preparation should meet the Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering recognized skill standards. The college will ensure program quality through internal certification of graduate competencies and external licensure of graduates and program approval by the Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering.

Occupational Data

Graduates of the Cosmetology program work in the salon setting where they use their skills which are grouped under the classification of cosmetologist personnel. According to Economic Modeling, the national median wage for cosmetologist personnel was \$13.04/hr. in 2019.

Admission Requirements

1. Must be at least 16 years of age as documented by birth certificate, school records or driver's license.
2. Application for Admission from the Office of Student Services.
3. Official high school transcript or GED and college transcript(s).
4. Applicants are required to take the Placement Exam.
5. While a high school diploma or GED is the preferred entry requirement, the applicant may be admitted provided he or she:
 - a. Present official transcript documenting completion of the 10th grade and promotion to the 11th grade.
 - b. Pass the Ability-to-Benefit (ATB) on a standardized, federally approved entrance test. Applicants admitted under the ATB provision must be obtained the GED prior to graduation.

Exam schedule and GED testing may be obtained from the Testing Coordinator.

Grading Scale for Cosmetology

The Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering requires a grade of at least 70% to pass licensure examinations.

90 – 100 = A
80 – 89 = B
70 – 79 = C
Below 70 = F

Licensure Requirements

Upon completion of the Cosmetology Program's required courses, the student will be eligible to apply for the Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering Student Written Examination. The ABOC requires:

1. Fee: \$75.00 Non-Refundable (No personal checks or cash)
2. Cosmetology Student Written Exam Application
3. Copy of current driver's license and social security card.
4. One current 2" x 2" Color Professional Passport Photo (No Glamour or Snapshots)
5. Proof of program's Record of Completion (transcripts)
6. Must be at least 16 years' old

A student who has completed 70 percent of the required school instructional hours may, when school is not in session, receive a permit to work in a cosmetology salon. Within 120 days after a student completes the required school hours and training, the appropriate instructor shall certify a record of completion for the student to the board.

Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit for High School Students

Eligible high school students may enroll in cosmetology classes and receive college credit. Students who present transcript documentation for completion of the 11th grade and promotion to the 12th may enroll in classes being offered during the summer semester.

COSMETOLOGY-Certificate

MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED: 46 Semester Credit hours

Length of Program: 3 Semesters of full-time attendance or 6 Semester of part time attendance

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE: 7 Semester Credit Hours	Theory	Lab/Clinical	Contact	Credit
ENG100 Vocational Technical English I	3	0	3	3
MAH101 Introductory Mathematics I	3	0	3	3
ORT100 Orientation	1	0	1	1
TECHNICAL CONCENTRATION: 39 Semester Credit Hours				
COS111 Introduction to Cosmetology	3	0	3	3
COS112 Introduction to Cosmetology Lab	0	3	9	3
COS113 Theory of Chemical Services	3	0	3	3
COS114 Chemical Services Lab	0	3	9	3
COS115 Hair Coloring Theory	3	0	3	3
COS116 Hair Coloring Lab	0	3	9	3
COS117 Basic Spa Techniques	3	0	3	3
COS118 Basic Spa Techniques Lab	0	3	9	3
COS119 Business of Cosmetology	3	0	3	3
COS123 Cosmetology Salon Practices	0	3	9	3
COS144 Hair Shaping and Design	1	2	7	3
COS152 Nail Care Applications	0	3	9	3
COS167 State Board Review	1	2	7	3
Electives				
COS182 Special Topics/Natural Hair Styling	0	3	9	3