



A Course of Study for
COSMETOLOGY

The Cosmetology Department is an exciting place of color, shape, and beauty. We welcome you to join our program, where you can obtain the education you need to succeed in the cosmetology, skin care, and nail care industries. These well-established programs will prepare you for a career as a platform artist, educator, stylist, colorist, salon owner, sales representative, and makeup artist, as well as offer you the opportunity to work in the television and movie industries, or on cruise ships. Our program prepares you to take the State board examination for a cosmetology license.

Information regarding the cosmetology program is available in the Cosmetology Department, (310) 434-4292, and through the SMC website (smc.edu).

PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Cosmetology Associate Degree (25.5 units to total 1,600 hours)
- Cosmetology Certificate of Achievement (25.5 units to total 1,600 hours)
- Esthetician (*formerly Skin Care*) Department Certificate (12 units to total 600 hours)
- Nail Care Department Certificate (9 units to total 400 hours)
- Salon Business Department Certificate (11 units)

ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

An Associate degree is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a minimum of **60 degree applicable semester units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College;
- Completion of one of the following general education patterns: SMC GE, CSU GE, or IGETC;
- Completion of the SMC Global Citizenship graduation requirement.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

A Certificate of Achievement is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a **designated minimum number of units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College;

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

A Department Certificate is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a **designated minimum number of units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College;

Note: Department Certificates are not noted on student transcripts. Students must submit a petition to the relevant academic department to be awarded a Department Certificate.

CATALOG RIGHTS

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student's *continuous* enrollment. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrolment in consecutive Fall and Spring semesters until completion.

COSMETOLOGY, ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will be able to demonstrate professional level skill in hair cutting, hair coloring, hair styling, nail care, and skin care. Additionally, the student will be proficient in health and safety procedures in common use in salons. Upon completion, the student will be eligible to take the California State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering licensure exam.

AREA OF EMPHASIS: (25.5 UNITS + 1600 hours minimum, including the courses specified below)**Required Related Science Courses:**

COSM 10A, Related Science 1A
COSM 10B, Related Science 1B
COSM 20, Related Science 2
COSM 30, Related Science 3
COSM 40, Related Science 4

COSM 50A, Related Science 5
COSM 50B, Practical Preparation for State Board Exam
COSM 50C, Written Preparation for State Board Exam
(only required if 50B was completed Fall 2010 or later)

Required Hair Cutting Courses:

COSM 11A, Hair Cutting 1
COSM 21A, Hair Cutting 2

COSM 31A, Hair Cutting 3
COSM 42, Men's Hair Styling

Required Hair Styling Courses:

COSM 11B, Hair Styling 1
COSM 21B, Hair Styling 2
COSM 31B, Hair Styling 3

Required Hair Coloring Courses:

COSM 11C, Hair Coloring 1
COSM 21C, Hair Coloring 2
COSM 31C, Hair Coloring 3

Required Permanent Wave Courses:

COSM 11D, Permanent Wave 1

COSM 21D, Permanent Waving 2

Required Curly Hair Technique Courses:

COSM 11E, Curly Hair Techniques 1 *(formerly COSM 14A)*
COSM 21E, Curly Hair Techniques 2 *(formerly COSM 14B)*
COSM 31E, Curly Hair Techniques 3 *(formerly COSM 24)*

Required Nail Care Courses:

COSM 16, Nail Care 1
COSM 26, Nail Care 2
COSM 36, Nail Care 3

Required Esthetician Courses:

COSM 18, Skin Care 1
COSM 28A, Skin Care 2A
COSM 28B, Skin Care 2B

COSM 38, Skin Care 3
COSM 48, Skin Care 4
COSM 48B, Advanced Make-Up

Required Salon Management Course:

COSM 64, Salon Management

Advanced Courses for Career Success: Select at least 2 of the courses below: (1 unit minimum)

COSM 38B, Mechanical Exfoliation
COSM 38C, Chemical Exfoliation

COSM 41B, Hair Styling 4
COSM 46, Nail Care 4

Theory and Practice Activity: In order to fulfill any outstanding required hours, students must enroll in one of the Salon courses: (1 unit minimum)

NOTE: Students may NOT enroll in any of the courses below until they have completed at least 300 hours of practicum activity AND have completed all of the following COSM courses above: 10A, 10B, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, 11E, 16, and 18.

Salon Experience Courses:

COSM 95A, Salon Experience
COSM 95B, Salon Experience

COSM 95C, Salon Experience
COSM 95D, Salon Experience

ESTHETICIAN (FORMERLY SKIN CARE), DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE

The esthetician program provides students with professional-level skill in client consultation, skin analysis, and manual, chemical, and electrical facials, as well as eyebrow shaping, waxing, the application of strip and individual eyelashes, and makeup application. Additionally, students will become proficient in health and safety procedures in common use in salons and spas. Upon completion, the student will be eligible to take the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering/NIC Esthetician licensure exam.

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the program, students will demonstrate professional-level skill in client consultation, skin analysis, and manual, chemical, and electrical facials, as well as eyebrow shaping, waxing, the application of strip and individual eyelashes, and makeup application. Additionally, the student will be proficient in health and safety procedures in common use in salons and spas.

AREA OF EMPHASIS: (12 UNITS + 600 hours minimum, including the courses specified below)

Required Related Science Courses:

- COSM 10A**, Related Science 1A
- COSM 10B**, Related Science 1B
- COSM 20**, Related Science 2
- COSM 30**, Related Science 3
- COSM 50E**, Written Preparation for Esthetician State Board Exam

Required Esthetician Courses:

- COSM 18**, Skin Care 1
- COSM 28A**, Skin Care 2A
- COSM 28B**, Skin Care 2B
- COSM 38**, Skin Care 3
- COSM 38B**, Mechanical Exfoliation
- COSM 38C**, Chemical Exfoliation
- COSM 48**, Skin Care 4
- COSM 48B**, Advanced Make-Up

Required Salon Management Course:

- COSM 64**, Salon Management

Theory and Practice Activity: In order to fulfill any outstanding required hours, students must enroll in one or more of the following Salon courses: (1 unit minimum)

NOTE: Students may NOT enroll in any of the courses below until they have completed at least 90 hours of practicum activity AND have completed all of the following COSM courses: 10A, 10B, and 18.

Salon Experience Courses:

- COSM 95A**, Salon Experience
- COSM 95B**, Salon Experience
- COSM 95C**, Salon Experience
- COSM 95D**, Salon Experience

NAIL CARE, DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE

The Nail Care program provides students with professional level skill in manicures, pedicures, nail tips, acrylics, gel nails, and 3-D nail art. Additionally, students will become proficient in health and safety procedures in common use in salons and spas. Upon completion, the student will be eligible to take the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering/NIC Manicure licensure exam.

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the Nail Care program, students will demonstrate professional level skill in manicures, pedicures, nail tips, acrylics, gel nails, and 3-D nail art. Additionally, the student will be proficient in health and safety procedures in common use in salons and spas.

AREA OF EMPHASIS: (9 UNITS + 400 hours minimum, including the courses specified below)

Required Related Science Courses:

- COSM 10A**, Related Science 1A
- COSM 10B**, Related Science 1B
- COSM 20**, Related Science 2
- COSM 50N**, Written Preparation for Nail Care State Board Exam

Required Nail Care Courses:

- COSM 16**, Nail Care 1
- COSM 26**, Nail Care 2
- COSM 36**, Nail Care 3
- COSM 46**, Nail Care 4

Required Salon Management Course:

- COSM 64**, Salon Management

Theory and Practical Activity: In order to fulfill any outstanding required hours, students must enroll into one or more of the following Salon courses: (1 unit minimum)

NOTE: Students may NOT enroll in any of the courses below until they have completed at least 80 hours of practicum activity AND have completed all of the following COSM courses: 10A, 10B, and 16.

Salon Experience Courses:

- COSM 95A**, Salon Experience
- COSM 95B**, Salon Experience
- COSM 95C**, Salon Experience
- COSM 95D**, Salon Experience

SALON BUSINESS, DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE

A Department Certificate in Salon Business will aid cosmetologists, estheticians, and manicurists in establishing and running their own business/salon.

AREA OF EMPHASIS: (11 UNITS)

Required Courses:

- ACCTG 21**, Business Bookkeeping (3)
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- BUS 1**, Introduction to Business (3)
- or**
- BUS 20**, Principles of Marketing (3)
- or**
- BUS 65**, Management Principles (3)
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- CIS 4**, Business Information Systems with Applications (3)
- COSM 64**, Salon Management (2)

TEACHER TRAINING (IN COSMETOLOGY)

This program is temporarily suspended. Many of the required classes are not being offered at this time. If you are interested in this certificate program, please contact the Cosmetology department at (310) 434-4292.