

HAIR TECHNICIAN DIPLOMA - 36 CREDITS

About this program

A hair technician is any person who performs services for the cosmetic care of hair on the scalp. Hair technician services include cutting the hair and the application of dyes, bleach, reactive chemicals, keratin or other preparations to color or alter the structure of the hair. Hair technician training includes 900 hours of training in hair services. Upon completion of the 900-hour training program and passing test scores in hair technician general theory, written practical and Minnesota laws and rules pertaining to hair technician services, an applicant may apply for licensure.

Program outcomes

1. Relate the knowledge and technical procedures to perform proficiently in all hair technician skills.
2. Apply ethical behaviors and human relation skills with patrons, employers and co-workers.
3. Show professionalism in all relationships in the hair technician salon environment.
4. Know and understand Minnesota state laws, rules and regulations that pertain to the individual policies or responsibilities of all hair technician license holders.
5. Know employee sanitation procedures and perform safety procedures in compliance with Minnesota laws and rules.
6. Evaluate hair and skin disorders or diseases that should be referred to a physician.
7. Prepare and know the specific uses and safety of all equipment and supplies used in the hair technician salon.
8. Prepare the chemical formulas necessary to ensure accurate product knowledge to perform hair technician services.

Curriculum overview

Crds	Requirement type
20	Required courses
16	Restricted electives in special requirements
36	Total

Developmental courses note: A student may be required to enroll in developmental courses in reading, writing and math. A student's scores on the Accuplacer assessment will determine enrollment in developmental courses. The purpose of developmental courses is to prepare students for the demands of a college-level curriculum. *Credits may vary.*

Accreditation: Minnesota State Community and Technical College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The Higher Learning Commission 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500 Chicago, IL 60604-1411 <http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org> Phone: 312.263.0456 / 800.621.7440

Curriculum requirement details

Required courses

Course	Crds
COSM1000 - Principles and Practices	3
COSM1002 - Client Consultations	1
COSM1005 - Hair Reformation	1
COSM1100 - Salon Safety	1
COSM1117 - Shampooing and Rinsing	1
COSM1119 - Haircutting	1
COSM1129 - Hairstyling	1
COSM1130 - Properties of the Hair and Scalp	1
COSM1163 - Hair Color	1
COSM1171 - Principles of Hair Design	1
COSM1179 - Minnesota Cosmetology Laws and Rules ...	1
COSM1300 - Clipper Cutting Techniques	1
COSM1304 - Hair Extension Techniques	1
COSM2000 - Artistry in Hairstyling	1
COSM2005 - License Preparation Hair Technician	1
COSM2100 - Chemical Texture Services	1
COSM2300 - Cosmetology Anatomy	1
COSM2500 - Salon Business	1

Other requirements or restricted electives

Special Requirement: 16 credits

- COSM1204 Salon Practicum Hair Technician (6 credits in the fall, 10 credits in the spring)

Course summaries

COSM1000 - Principles and Practices (3 credits)

This course is intended for manicurists, estheticians and some transfer students. In a condensed form, this course will include the topics of chemistry, electricity, salon business, professional image, anatomy and infection control.

Prerequisites:

- none

COSM1002 - Client Consultations (1 credits)

This course is for cosmetology and esthology students. Students will develop the skills necessary for a successful client consultation to achieve the client's desired outcome.

COSM1005 - Hair Reformation (1 credits)

Hair reformation services allow operators to change the existing hair's texture. There are two broad categories of texture services: permanent hair reformation treatments that permanently straighten highly textured hair or soften curl, and semipermanent hair reformation treatments that eliminate frizz and smooth curly or wavy hair temporarily. In this course, students learn various types of sodium hydroxide and thio relaxers, allowing them to provide a wide range of hair reformation services on different hair textures.

COSM1100 - Salon Safety (1 credits)

This course is for students pursuing a cosmetology, esthology, nail technology and eyelash technology career. Students will learn the necessary precautions and safety measures to ensure a safe working environment. Students must pass all applicable sections of the Infection Control Practical Skills test prior to providing services on live models during preclinical training and prior to providing services on the client clinic floor.

COSM1117 - Shampooing and Rinsing (1 credits)

This course covers shampooing and draping. Students will learn the importance of selecting the correct shampoo for various hair types.

COSM1119 - Haircutting (1 credits)

This course will help students develop a strong foundation in haircutting. Students will learn basic sectioning and cutting techniques, along with correct use of scissors, razors and clippers to achieve a strong foundation in haircutting.

COSM1129 - Hairstyling (1 credits)

This course will instruct students in conducting services in a safe environment. Students will learn the styling and finishing techniques to complete a hairstyle to the satisfaction of the client.

COSM1130 - Properties of the Hair and Scalp (1 credits)

In this course students will learn the different layers of the hair and how it can be damaged. It is essential for students to be able to analyze a client's hair, determine what type of damage the hair has experienced and prescribe corrective treatment.

COSM1163 - Hair Color (1 credits)

In this course students will learn how to conduct a color service in accordance with a client's needs and the importance of using a variety of salon products and techniques to achieve the appropriate color outcome.

COSM1171 - Principles of Hair Design (1 credits)

This course will give students an understanding of design and how to incorporate design into creating a pleasing hairstyle for each client's facial features.

COSM1179 - Minnesota Cosmetology Laws and Rules (1 credits)

This course prepares students for the Laws and Rules portion of their state license examination.

COSM1300 - Clipper Cutting Techniques (1 credits)

In this course, students will learn correct methods of handling clipper cutting equipment to create precision haircuts. Students will understand the correct use of tools and equipment to enhance client services.

COSM1304 - Hair Extension Techniques (1 credits)

In this course, students will learn a variety of hair extension techniques including sew-in wefts, bead, fusion and tape-in extensions. Students will learn the limits with extensions, consultation, color matching, applications, blending, maintenance, removal and pricing.

COSM2000 - Artistry in Hairstyling (1 credits)

This course focuses on the various types of non-surgical hair additions. Students will learn about the care and styling of wigs and basic braiding procedures to create hairstyles that are pleasing to clients.

COSM2005 - License Preparation Hair Technician (1 credits)

This course will prepare the hair technician student for the general theory exam, written practical exam and Minnesota laws and rules exam issued by the Minnesota State Board of Cosmetology. Additionally, the student will practice mock test out in preparation for skills certification. Hair technician students will review their knowledge and skills in all theory and practical topics learned throughout their training. Completion of this course will help the student identify areas of challenge that need additional review prior to scheduling their state exams and completing cosmetology skills certification.

COSM2100 - Chemical Texture Services (1 credits)

Students will learn about hair relaxation and wave formation techniques in accordance with manufacturers' directions. Other topics in the course include consulting with clients to determine their needs and preferences and the importance of conducting chemical services in a safe environment.

COSM2300 - Cosmetology Anatomy (1 credits)

Cosmetology is primarily limited to the skin, muscles, nerves, circulatory system and bones of the head, face, neck, shoulders, arms, hands, lower legs and feet. In this course students will understand the anatomy of these areas to help develop the necessary techniques to be used during scalp massages, facials, manicures, pedicures and shampoo services.

COSM2500 - Salon Business (1 credits)

In this course students will learn how to manage their time to provide efficient client services. Students will learn the necessary steps to retain clients and how to market salon products and maintain business records.

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Program Plan — "Hair Technician"

Locations: Wadena

1st Fall Term (20 credits)

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1st Spring Term (16 credits)

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10 credits in one or more of the following:

COSM1204 Salon Practicum Hair Technician (6 credits in the fall, 10 credits in the spring)