NAIL TECHNICIAN

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About this program

The Nail Technician program is designed to give students a thorough knowledge of dermatology, the structure, growth and health of the nail, and chemistry as it relates to manicuring as well as sanitation and safety procedures related to the practice of manicuring. Instruction will cover applied studies and skills in cleaning, conditioning, shaping, reinforcing, coloring and enhancing nails, as well as the application and repair of artificial nails. The Board of Cosmetology, which is the cosmetology licensing body, requires 350 hours of clinical time in order to become licensed in Minnesota. Upon completion of 350 hours and passing of the state exam, a license will be issued.

Program outcomes

1. Relate the knowledge and technical procedures to perform proficiently in all nail technician skills.
2. Apply ethical behaviors and human relation skills with patrons, employers and co-workers.
3. Show professionalism in response to all relationships in the nail technician salon environment.
4. Know and understand the Minnesota state laws, rules and regulations that pertain to the individual policies and responsibilities of nail technician license holders.
5. Employ sanitation procedures and perform safety procedures in compliance with Minnesota laws and rules.
6. Evaluate skin and nail 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 nail technician salon.
8. Prepare the chemical formulas necessary to ensure accurate product knowledge to perform nail services.

Curriculum overview

Crds	Requirement type
10	Required courses
6	Restricted electives in special requirements
16	**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.*

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Curriculum requirement details

Required courses

Course	Crds
COSM1000 - Principles and Practices	3
COSM1007 - Gel Nail Applications	1
COSM1100 - Salon Safety	1
COSM1161 - Nail Structure and Growth	1
COSM1179 - Minnesota Cosmetology Laws and Rules	1
COSM2003 - License Preparation Nail Technician	1
COSM2200 - Manicuring and Pedicuring Services	1
COSM2400 - Advanced Nail Techniques	1

Other requirements or restricted electives

Special Requirement: 6 credits

- COSM1202 Salon Practicum Nail Technician (6 credits)

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Course summaries

COSM1000 - Principles and Practices ..... ***(3 credits)***
This course addresses the concepts of basic chemistry, electricity and infection control as they relate to cosmetology. The course also teaches students the best practices for maintaining personal health and well-being while working in the industry.

Prerequisites:

- none

COSM1007 - Gel Nail Applications ..... ***(1 credits)***
This course provides students with an introduction to gel nail enhancements. Students learn skills and techniques required to create beautiful, durable and long-lasting gel nails.

COSM1100 - Salon Safety ..... ***(1 credits)***
This course is designed to educate beauty industry professionals about essential safety protocols, regulations and best practices to ensure a safe and healthy salon environment. This course emphasizes the importance of compliance with the Minnesota Board of Cosmetology.

COSM1161 - Nail Structure and Growth ..... ***(1 credits)***
In this course, students learn the structure and composition of the nail unit, how to recognize various disorders and diseases of the nail, and determine which disorders can be serviced in the salon and which should be referred to a physician. Students gain the foundational knowledge necessary to support safe, effective nail services.

COSM1179 - Minnesota Cosmetology Laws and Rules ..... ***(1 credits)***
This course provides an in-depth understanding of the laws and regulations governing professional practices in Minnesota. Designed for all cosmetology license fields, the course aims to ensure compliance with state-specific legal standards and ethical practices.

COSM2003 - License Preparation Nail Technician ..... ***(1 credits)***
This course will prepare the nail 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 tests in preparation for skills certification. Nail 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 weakness that need additional review prior to scheduling their state exams.

COSM2200 - Manicuring and Pedicuring Services ..... ***(1 credits)***
This course teaches students the essential skills and knowledge needed to provide professional nail care services. In this course, students learn various manicure and pedicure methods, including basic and spa, focusing on proper trimming and shaping of nails, skin care, massage and polishing techniques.

COSM2400 - Advanced Nail Techniques ..... ***(1 credits)***
This course covers a variety of topics and skills essential for mastering the art of nail enhancements. Students learn different types of acrylic applications, proper methods of prepping the natural nails for adhesion, and maintenance and removal of artificial enhancements.

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Program Plan — "Primary"

Locations: Wadena

1st Fall Term (16 credits)

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6 credits in one or more of the following:

COSM1202 Salon Practicum Nail Technician (6 credits)

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