

# NAIL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE - 16 CREDITS

## 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

<b>Crds</b>	<b>Requirement type</b>
10	Required courses
6	Restricted electives in special requirements
16	<b>Total</b>

**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
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/Pedicuring .....	1
COSM2400 - Advanced Nail Techniques .....	1

## Other requirements or restricted electives

- Special Requirement: 6 credits**
- COSM1202 Salon Practicum Nail Technician (6 credits)

## 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

**COSM1007 - Gel Nail Applications** ..... (1 credits)  
This course provides an introduction to gel applications for cosmetology and nail technology students. Students will understand the procedures for tips with overlays, natural nails and sculpted nails using various types of gel enhancement products.

**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.

**COSM1161 - Nail Structure and Growth** ..... (1 credits)  
In this course students will learn the structure of the nail, how to recognize various disorders and which disorders can be serviced in the salon.

**COSM1179 - Minnesota Cosmetology Laws and Rules** ..... (1 credits)  
This course prepares students for the Laws and Rules portion of their state license examination.

**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/Pedicuring** ..... (1 credits)  
In this course students will learn basic manicuring and pedicuring procedures. Students will understand the importance of providing services in a safe environment.

**COSM2400 - Advanced Nail Techniques** ..... (1 credits)  
In this course students will learn how to conduct a client consultation to determine client needs and preferences. Students will learn about a variety of salon products that will enable them to provide nail services to clients.

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Program Plan — "Primary"  
Locations: Wadena

1st Fall Term (16 credits)

**Courses**

**6 credits in one or more of the following:**  
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