

Cosmetology, Certificate

Cosmetology is the science and art of beautifying and improving the skin, nails, and hair. Wallace Community College offers a traditional cosmetology program. Classroom instruction prepares students with the knowledge base necessary for actual application of skills. Students then practice skills on mannequins and on each other and gradually move into live work activities. Lectures, videos, and demonstrations are used to enhance instruction and to provide networking opportunities with industry experts. The Salon and Spa Management program can be completed in as little as 12 months, or 3 semesters.

Students completing all courses listed in the curriculum will be awarded a program certificate and will be eligible to apply for the State Board Examination if they have a minimum of a 10th grade high school equivalency. After passing the examination, students are awarded a license to practice as a Cosmetologist in Alabama. Admission is conditional and depends on the student's ability to perform the essential functions identified for this program. A high school diploma or GED® is not required; however, students are required to demonstrate college and career readiness. (See Admission to Courses Not Creditable Toward an Associate Degree in the Admissions Policies and Procedures section of this catalog.) Reasonable accommodations are considered.

NOTE: A minimum grade of "C" in the all COS prefix courses is required for a student to enroll in COS prefix courses for the next term and for graduation. Students must complete the entire program curriculum, to include all academic courses, to be eligible to sit for the Alabama Board of Cosmetology exam. Students who withdraw from the program must re-enter the program within a period of 12 months or start over with the first term of COS prefix courses. All students enrolled in the program must have books, kit and other required supplies within the first week of class. After graduation or leaving the program for any reason, students will have 30 days to pick up any personal materials and supplies left in the department. Materials and supplies not picked up will be disposed of.

Program: [Cosmetology](#)

Type: Certificate

Area I: Written Composition

Item #	Title	Credits
	COM 103 or ENG 101	3

Area II: Humanities and Fine Arts

Item #	Title	Credits
	SPC 103 OR SPH 106 OR SPH 107	3

Area III: Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Item #	Title	Credits
	MAH 101 or MTH 116 or MTH 100	3

Area V: Career and Technical Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
	ORT 100 OR ORI 101	1
	DPT 103 or CIS 146	3
COS 111	Introduction to Cosmetology	3
COS 112	Introduction to Cosmetology Lab	3
COS 113	Theory of Chemical Services	3
COS 114	Chemical Services Lab	3
COS 115	Hair Color Theory	3
COS 116	Hair Color Lab	3
COS 117	Basic Spa Techniques Theory	3
COS 118	Basic Spa Techniques Lab	3
COS 119	Business of Cosmetology	3
COS 167	State Board Review	3
COS 181	Special Topics Theory	3
COS 182	Special Topics Lab	3
	Total credits:	49

Course Sequencing

Cosmetology Certificate Suggested Course Sequence First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
COS 111	Introduction to Cosmetology	3
COS 112	Introduction to Cosmetology Lab	3
COS 113	Theory of Chemical Services	3
COS 114	Chemical Services Lab	3
	COM 103 or ENG 101	3
	ORT 100 OR ORI 101	1
	SPC 103 OR SPH 106 OR SPH 107	3

Cosmetology Certificate Suggested Course Sequence Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
COS 115	Hair Color Theory	3
COS 116	Hair Color Lab	3
COS 181	Special Topics Theory	3
COS 182	Special Topics Lab	3
	MAH 101 or MTH 116 or MTH 100	3
	DPT 103 or CIS 146	3

Cosmetology Certificate Suggested Course Sequence Third Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
COS 117	Basic Spa Techniques Theory	3
COS 118	Basic Spa Techniques Lab	3
COS 119	Business of Cosmetology	3
COS 167	State Board Review	3