Paul Mitchell The School St. Louis

COSMETOLOGY COURSE INFORMATION

Cosmetology: ***Standard Occupational Classification (SOC 39-5012.00) Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP 12.0401)***

The curriculum involves 1500 hours to satisfy Missouri state requirements. The course includes extensive instruction and practical experience in cutting, hair coloring, perming, customer service, personal appearance and hygiene, personal motivation and development, retail skills, client record keeping, business ethics, sanitation, state laws and regulations, salon-type administration, and job interviewing.

***Graduates are prepared to be entry level cosmetologist.**

This course is taught in English. Textbooks and course materials are only offered in the English Language.

COSMETOLOGY COURSE OVERVIEW

Course Hours: 1500 clock hours

The course is divided into pre-clinical classroom instruction and clinic classroom learning experiences..

- **Pre-clinical Classroom Instruction:** The first 180 hours are devoted to pre-clinical classroom instruction where Future Professionals develop foundational knowledge and practical skills through classroom workshops, demonstrations, theory instruction, and guided practice. Instruction emphasizes design principles, technical procedures, safety and sanitation, professional conduct, and readiness for supervised services.
- **Theory, Specialty, Clinic Classroom Experience:** Future Professionals apply classroom learning through supervised practical instruction and guest services. With coaching and guidance from Learning Leaders, they refine technical skills, consultation and communication, guest experience, product recommendations, and professional work habits. Learning continues through mini-classes, feedback, and structured practice.

COSMETOLOGY COURSE OUTLINE

- **Core Curriculum:** The Core Curriculum introduces the foundational principles and skills of the program through theory instruction, demonstrations, and hands-on practice. Future Professionals build essential technical knowledge, safety and sanitation practices, client care, and professional habits. Learning Leaders monitor progress, and learning is evaluated through written, oral, and practical methods, as applicable. Completing Core successfully prepares students for the next phase of their education, including supervised clinic classroom experiences.
- **Clinic Classroom Learning Experience:** In the clinic classroom, Future Professionals provide services to guests under Learning Leader supervision. They keep learning and reinforce classroom instruction through coaching, mini-classes, practical worksheets, and progress evaluations. They practice consultations, service planning, technical proficiency, guest communication, sanitation and safety, and professional service habits.
- **Classroom Learning Experience:** Classroom education throughout the program includes cutting, coloring, texture, makeup, skin, and nails. Instruction combines theory, demonstrations, and practical application. Additional learning opportunities may address retailing and product knowledge, communication, professional development, motivation, and career readiness, facilitated by appropriate school team members or guest artists.

- **Adaptive Phase:** During the Adaptive phase, Future Professionals expand their knowledge through specialty classroom instruction and progressively challenging practical work. They continue developing technical consistency, problem-solving, guest service, confidence, and professionalism, with feedback and assessments supporting their progress.
- **Creative Phase:** The Creative phase focuses on refining technical and professional abilities as Future Professionals prepare to enter the industry. They apply artistic judgment, strengthen independence and accountability, and practice the standards of guest experience, teamwork, and professional conduct expected in a salon environment, with continued Learning Leader guidance.

COSMETOLOGY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The instructional program of Paul Mitchell The School St. Louis meets or exceeds the state requirements:

Subject	Minimum Hour Requirement
Theory	150
Shampooing of all kinds	40
Hair coloring, bleaches, and rinses	130
Hair cutting and shaping	130
Permanent waving and relaxing	125
Hair setting, pin curls, finger waves, and thermal curling	225
Comb-outs and hairstyling techniques	105
Scalp treatment and diseases	30
Facials, eyebrows, and arches	40
Manicuring, hand and arm massage and treatment of nails	110
Cosmetic chemistry	25
Salesmanship and shop management	10
Sanitation and Sterilization	30
Anatomy	20
State law	10
Additional hours	320
TOTAL HOURS	**1500**

The institution offers employment assistance to help graduates' efforts to secure education-related employment that includes, but is not limited to training in professionalism, resume' development, job interview preparation and job search skills.

COSMETOLOGY PROGRAM TESTING AND GRADING PROCEDURE

The following tests and grading procedures are used to assess student learning and mastery of course content in the 1500-hour course:

1. **Academic theory exams:** Students must receive a grade of 70% or higher on each assigned weekly theory exam.
2. **Core written and practical skill exams:** Students must receive a grade of 70% or higher on each written exam and each practical skill exam in order to complete the Core program.
3. **Final exam 1:** This test covers an overview of all related cosmetology subjects (e.g., anatomy, chemistry, etc.). Students must receive a grade of 70% or higher on all final exams.

4. **Final exam 2:** The written exam covers an overview of all theory instruction, Missouri state law, and other items covered on the state cosmetology exam. Students must receive a grade of 70% or higher on all final exams.
5. **Clinic Practical Skill Assessments:** Future Professionals progress in practical skill assessments and theory hours will be digitally monitored on a weekly basis by the Future Professional Advisor using the Course Key app. All assigned practical skill assessments must be completed in order to complete the program.
   Grading Scale: A = 90-100% B = 80-89% C = 70-79% Below 70% = Failing
6. **Practical skills test (mock state board):** Students must receive a 85% or higher grade on the Practical Skills test (mock state board).
   Grading Scale: A = 97-100% B = 96-85% Below 85% = Failing
7. **State Law Exam (1400-hour written exam):** Students must receive a 75% or higher grade on the Missouri State Law Exam.
   Grading Scale: A = 90-100% B = 80-89% C = 70-79% Below 70% = Failing

COSMETOLOGY INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES AND METHODS

The Cosmetology 1500 clock hour course is provided through a sequential set of learning steps which address specific tasks necessary for State Board preparation, graduation and job entry level skills. Clinic equipment, implements and products are comparable to those used in the industry. Each student will receive instruction that relates to the performance of useful, creative and productive career oriented activities. The course is presented through well-developed lesson plans that reflect the latest educational methods. Subjects are presented by means of lecture, demonstration and student participation. Audio-visual aids, guest speakers, field trips, and other related learning methods are used in the course.