



Cosmetology Scope & Sequence

Program / Hours: CIP 12.0401 Two Year Program: First Year Half Day, Second Year Full Day

Description of the Program: A program that generally prepares individuals to cut, trim, and style scalp, facial, and body hair; apply cosmetic preparations; perform manicures and pedicures; massage the head and extremities; and prepare for practice as licensed cosmetologists in specialized or full-service salons. Includes instruction in hair cutting and styling, manicuring, pedicuring, facial treatments, shampooing, chemical applications, esthetics, shop management, sanitation and safety, customer service, and applicable professional and labor laws and regulations

Year 1 – Foundational Skills

Unit	Tasks	Know	Understand	Do
Infection Control & Safety	101–104, 303, 401	Classifications of bacteria, sanitation vs disinfection vs sterilization	The importance of infection control and compliance with OSHA & PA law	Perform disinfection of tools; apply universal precautions
Professionalism & Salon Readiness	201–203	Professional ethics, communication, and documentation standards	How professionalism impacts client trust and success	Conduct consultations; practice salon communication
Anatomy & Physiology Foundations	501–507, 801–807	Structure of skin, hair, nails, muscles, nerves	How body systems relate to salon services	Identify and diagram systems relevant to cosmetology
Trichology (Hair & Scalp Science)	601–603, 2101–2102	Hair composition, growth, and scalp conditions	The relationship between scalp health and	Analyze hair/scalp; perform scalp treatments

			service outcomes	
Shampooing & Conditioning	1101–1103	Hair types, draping procedures, product types	How to select and apply proper cleansing products	Perform draping and shampoo services
Hairstyling Fundamentals	1302–1305, 1308–1309	Tools, implements, and setting methods	The role of design in client satisfaction	Perform roller sets, blow drying, and marcel iron techniques
Hair Shaping Basics	1201–1202, 1204	Haircutting tools and sectioning	How length, angle, and elevation affect shape	Perform blunt and layered cuts using shears/clippers
Basic Skin & Nail Services	1801–1806, 1901–1908	Anatomy of skin and nails, disorders	How skincare and nail care support client wellness	Perform basic facials, manicures, pedicures
Electricity & Light Therapy (Intro)	1001–1004	Principles of electricity and safety	How electrical modalities support salon services	Demonstrate light therapy safely
Makeup Fundamentals	2301–2302	Color theory and facial symmetry	How makeup enhances client features	Apply basic day/evening looks

Year 2 – Advanced Practices & Business Integration

Unit	Tasks	Know	Understand	Do
Advanced Hair Shaping & Texturizing	1203, 1205, 1206	Advanced tools: razors, texturizing shears	How advanced cuts modify texture and movement	Perform razor/texturizing techniques and neck hair removal
Advanced Hairstyling & Braiding	1301, 1306–1310	Finger waves, braiding, pressing	How cultural and client preferences influence styling	Execute thermal, press, and braid techniques

Chemical Services – Structure & Science	701–705, 1401–1503	pH scale, chemical reactions, and solutions	How chemistry affects texture and color changes	Analyze client hair and perform safe chemical services
Hair Coloring	1601–1609	Color theory, formulation, and testing	How to select and apply appropriate color systems	Perform permanent, demi, and corrective color
Wigs & Hair Additions	2201–2205	Types of wigs/extensions	How to customize synthetic and human hair additions	Style and apply wigs/extensions
Advanced Skin Care & Makeup	2303–2304	Corrective makeup and lashes	How contouring and lashes transform appearance	Perform corrective makeup and lash applications
Business & Professional Skills	301–302, 202, 203	Financial literacy and ethics	How business and professionalism sustain success	Create business plan; develop client portfolio
Pennsylvania Cosmetology Law & Exam Prep	401 (review), PA regulations	State laws, licensing procedures	Why compliance ensures client and career protection	Review, test, and demonstrate legal understanding