

# COSMETOLOGY COURSE INFORMATION

## COSMETOLOGY COURSE DESCRIPTION

**Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) 39-5012.00**

**Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Code 12.0401**

The curriculum involves 1500 hours to satisfy South Carolina 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 Cosmetologists.*

*This course is taught in English.*

## COSMETOLOGY COURSE OVERVIEW

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

1. **Pre-clinical Classroom Instruction:** The first 210 hours are devoted to classroom workshops where students learn design principles, technical information, and professional practices.
2. **Clinic Learning Experience:** The remaining 1290 hours are spent in the clinic classroom area where practical experience is gained.

## COSMETOLOGY COURSE OUTLINE

Your time at Paul Mitchell The School Columbia, Paul Mitchell The School Charleston, and Paul Mitchell The School Greenville for the cosmetology program will be divided into six (6) designations:

1. **Core Curriculum:** A 210-hour orientation, known as the Core program, instills the basic fundamentals. Students are graded and evaluated using written, oral, and practical testing methods. Students must successfully complete the Core curriculum prior to attending regularly scheduled daily classes in cutting, coloring, permanent waving, and chemical texture services.
2. **Protégé Learning Experience:** Your experience as a Protégé produces a smooth transition from Core student to Adaptive student. You spend 70 hours as a Protégé preparing you for the clinic classroom experience.
3. **Clinic Classroom Learning Experience:** Your clinic time from 280 to 1500 hours will be guided with individual attention and group learning experiences using mini-classes, clinic classroom worksheets, and periodic evaluations developed specifically for this monitoring progress. This is when you begin experiencing your clinic classroom education on paying clients in the clinic classroom area.
4. **Classroom Learning Experience:** Your classroom time from 280 to 1500 hours is divided into five (5) areas: cutting, coloring, texture, makeup, and nails. Each area has an instructor who conducts the different specialty classes each week. Classroom Learning Experiences may also include retail, motivation, self-improvement, professional development, and attendance education which may be conducted by an instructor, non-licensed staff member, or guest artist.

5. **Adaptive Curriculum:** From 280 to approximately 750 hours, you will enter a new phase of specialty classroom workshops coupled with challenging practical services designed to continue building you into a beauty industry professional.
6. **Creative Curriculum:** You will spend your last approximately 750 hours at Paul Mitchell The School Columbia, Paul Mitchell The School Charleston, and Paul Mitchell The School Greenville in “high gear” by dressing, acting, and working like a beauty industry professional. You will use your own artistic and creative abilities, coupled with the assistance of the Learning Leaders, to prepare yourself for your future beauty industry career.

## COSMETOLOGY COURSE SUBJECTS

The instructional program meets or exceeds the state requirements.

Subject	Minimum Required Hours	Minimum Hours of Technical Instruction
<b>1. Science of cosmetology:</b> A. Sanitation and sterilization B. Personal hygiene and grooming C. Professionalism – professional ethics D. Public relations, salesmanship, and psychology E. Anatomy F. Dermatology G. Trichology H. Nail structure I. Chemistry J. Safety precautions (public safety)		400
<b>2. Practice of cosmetology:</b> A. Shampoos and rinses (safety) B. Scalp and hair care treatments (safety) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Hair shaping (safety)</li> <li>ii. Hair styling (safety)</li> <li>iii. Thermal pressing</li> <li>iv. Thermal curling</li> <li>v. Wiggery</li> <li>vi. Roller placement</li> <li>vii. Molding</li> <li>viii. Pin curling</li> </ol> C. Manicuring (safety) D. Chemical (cold) waving, chemical relaxing, or straightening (safety) E. Hair tinting (coloring) and lightening (bleaching) (safety) F. Facial – skin care and makeup (safety)	715	350
<b>3. State law: rules, regulations, code</b>	15	
<b>4. Unassigned: specific needs</b>	20	
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>1500</b>

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 75% or higher on each assigned theory exam.
2. **Core written and practical skills evaluation:** Students must receive a grade of 75% or higher on each written exam and each practical skill exam in order to complete the Core program. The exams are an overview of instruction taught during the Core schedule. All Core written and practical skill exams must be passed with a 75% to transition to the Clinic Classroom. If students are unable to pass each exam after two attempts, the student may be asked to withdraw from the program and re-enroll in the next available Core class start date.
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 75% or higher on all final exams.
4. **Final exam 2:** The written exam covers an overview of all theory instruction, South Carolina state law, and other items covered on the state cosmetology exam. Students must receive a grade of 75% or higher on all final exams.
5. **Final Practical exam:** The practical covers practical application to help prepare the student to take the state cosmetology practical exam. Students must receive a grade of 75% or higher on all final exams.
6. **Clinic classroom practical worksheets:** Students must complete all required clinic classroom worksheets.

The following grading scale is used for theory progress:

**A: 90 – 100%    B: 80 – 89%    C: 75 – 79%    Failing: Below 75%**

## 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.