Paul Mitchell The School Charleston, Columbia & Greenville

NAIL TECHNOLOGY COURSE INFORMATION

NAIL TECHNOLOGY COURSE DESCRIPTION

Nail Technology: Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) 39.5092.00,
Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code 12.0410

THIS PROGRAM IS ONLY OFFERED AT THE COLUMBIA CAMPUS.

The curriculum involves 300 hours to satisfy South Carolina state requirements. The primary purpose of the Nail Technology course is to train students in the basic manipulative skills, safety judgments, proper work habits, and desirable attitude necessary to pass the state board examination and acquire competency in an entry-level job position as a nail care technician or related career avenue.

****Graduates are prepared to become an entry level nail technologist.***

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

NAIL TECHNOLOGY COURSE OVERVIEW

Course Hours: 300 clock hours

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

- **Pre-Clinical Classroom Instruction:** The first 50 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.
- **Clinic Classroom Learning 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.

NAIL TECHNOLOGY 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:** 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.

NAIL TECHNOLOGY COURSE SUBJECTS

The instructional program meets or exceeds the state requirements.

Subject	Minimum Required Hours
1. Sanitation and safety measures 1. Bacteriology a. Classification 2. Sanitation/Disinfection a. Chemical agents b. Sanitizing methods and procedures	75
2. Anatomy and physiology (Arms, Hands, Feet) 1. Nail shapes, structure, growth a. Nail irregularities b. Nail diseases 2. Bones, muscles, nerves a. Bones of arm, hand b. Muscles of arm, hand c. Nerves of arm, hand 3. Skin a. Histology b. Functions 4. Blood circulation a. Blood vessels b. Blood supply of the arms, hand, and foot	30
3. Nail Technology 1. Preparation 2. Equipment and implements 3. Supplies 4. Procedures a. Basic nail technology b. Nail analysis c. Hand and arm massage 5. Pedicure 6. Polish application 7. Specific needs	105
4. Artificial Nails 1. Sculpturing (liquid and powder brush on) 2. Artificial nail tips 3. Nail wraps and repairs 4. Maintenance	50
5. Power equipment	25
6. State law	15
TOTAL HOURS	**300**

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.

NAIL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM TESTING AND GRADING PROCEDURE

The following tests and grading procedures are used to assess student learning and mastery of course content in the 300-hour course:

1. Students must receive a grade of 75% or higher on each theory exam.
2. Students must receive a grade of 75% or higher on their final exam**.**

The following grading scale is used for theory progress:

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

NAIL TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES AND METHODS

The Nail Technology 300 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.