

COSMETOLOGY, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Banner code: 2_CT_COSM

Financial aid: Eligible

The general Cosmetology program consists of a minimum of 1600 hours of training to provide entry level skills to students who desire a career in the cosmetology profession. Students will develop expertise in the science and techniques of hair, skin makeup and lab experience in cosmetology.

Upon completion, the student is eligible to take the California State Board examination to become a Licensed Cosmetologist.

Students in this program must maintain a minimum grade of C (2.0 GPA) in all courses in order to advance to the next level in the program. In addition to the 1600 hours, the student will include general education requirements to receive the Associate in Arts degree.

The program is offered as a full-time, day-only program. Students attend classes Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Student attendance is mandatory.

English-speaking and comprehension skills are critical to success as well as safety in this program. Students with inadequate English proficiency may be dropped from the program until adequate proficiency is achieved.

The Cosmetology Department has established standards of conduct and personal grooming. Additionally, there are attendance policies that must be adhered to by all students enrolling in the program. For further information regarding requirements, contact the Cosmetology Office.

State law requires that students be at least seventeen years of age and have a valid social security number or an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) when applying for the California State Board examination.

Material Costs

The Cosmetology Department Office will provide information about the required uniform, shoes and material fee which covers the cost of the cosmetology kit. Kits must be purchased with cash, money order or cashier check only. No credit cards or personal checks accepted.

Students with Previous Hours in Cosmetology Option

Students with previous hours completed in another cosmetology program MUST provide proof of training of the completed hours to the Cosmetology Office upon acceptance to the program. Students will be required to enroll in Level 1 and must maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher in all Cosmetology courses before moving to the next level. Transfer hours are not to exceed 450 hours and will not be added to hours earned in the GWC Cosmetology Program until the student completes all required hours and operations in Level IV. Transfer students are not eligible to pre-apply.

Potential careers students may enter upon completion are as follows:

- Beauty Salon
- Self-employed Cosmetologist
- Personal Care Services

- Resorts
- Cruise Ships
- Nursing Homes and Retirement Communities
- Military Bases
- Public Institutions
- Hospitals
- Prisons
- Educational Instructors
- Beauty Salon Managers/Directors
- Beauty Salon Owners
- Trichologist
- Celebrity Hairdresser
- Sales Hair/Wig Products
- Video/Television
- Film Print Commercial Photo Shoots
- Distributors and
- many other Entrepreneurial avenues.

Program Level Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Perform, practice, and demonstrate all areas of cosmetology while observing the safety and sanitation rules set forth by the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology.
2. Pass the written and practical California State Board of Cosmetology Licensure Examinations.
3. Demonstrate the skills necessary to build and maintain an ongoing clientele in the cosmetology salon environment and industry.
4. Use good moral conduct and good work ethics within the cosmetology industry.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of cosmetology industry requirements regarding resumes, hiring, and keeping records of business transactions.

Certificate of Achievement Requirements

This certificate goes through the State approval process and requires a minimum of 12 units of coursework in a particular academic or occupational area. The certificate programs normally include only those courses which have a direct bearing upon specialized occupational competency since the objective of earning the career certificate is immediate employment in a specialized area. Upon successful completion of the program and completing the application, the student will receive the certificate and be recognized at the graduation ceremony. In order to earn a Certificate of Achievement all courses that apply to the certificate must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" in each course unless otherwise stated. A minimum of 12 units in residence at GWC is required, and 50 percent of the certificate program must be completed at GWC.

| Course | Title | Units |
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| Required Courses | | |
| COSM G021 | Cosmetology, Level I | 10.5 |
| COSM G022 | Cosmetology, Level II | 10.5 |
| COSM G023 | Cosmetology, Level III | 9.5 |
| COSM G024 | Cosmetology, Level IV | 8 |

| Course | Title | Units |
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| COSM G025 | Cosmetology, Level V | 8 |
| Total Units | | 46.5 |