

# ESTHETICIAN, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

**Banner code:** 2\_CN\_ESTH

**Financial aid:** Eligible

The Esthetics Program consists of one-semester with a minimum of 600 hours of training to prepare the student for a career in skin care. The student will learn bone structure, chemistry of products, skin analysis, use of packs and masks, electric modalities, corrected makeup, and correct use of products. Upon completion, the student is eligible to take the California State Board examination to become a Licensed Esthetician. 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 600 hours, the student will include general education requirements to receive the Associate in Arts degree. The program offers 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 esthetician kit. Kits must be purchased with cash, money order or cashier check only. No credit cards or personal checks accepted.

**Potential careers students may enter upon completion are as follows:**

- Esthetician
- salon or day spa esthetician
- medical aesthetician
- makeup artistry
- camouflage therapy
- manufacturer’s representative
- salesperson or sales manager
- cosmetics buyer
- esthetics writer or beauty editor
- travel industry (cruise ships)
- educator
- skin care company owner
- product development
- mobile esthetician
- state licensing inspector or examiner
- and State Board member

## Program Level Learning Outcomes

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

1. Evaluate and assess the skin care regime for the client.
2. Obtain basic knowledge and information to pass the State Board Examination thru continued assessment by instructors, by completing State Board assignments and procedures in the prescribed time and passing with a 75% or greater.
3. Analyze, evaluate and demonstrate skills necessary for a successful career as an Esthetician, including proper hygiene and good grooming, professional ethics, customer relations and general salon management practices.

## 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
<b>Required Courses</b>		
COSM G071	Esthetics - Level 1	10.5
COSM G072	Esthetics - Level 2	10.5
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>21</b>