

Cosmetology Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How many seats are available in the Cosmetology program?*

A: There are 48 total seats available every fall (August). 16 seats each in two full-time day sections and 16 in the part-time evening/Saturday section.

There are 48 total seats available every spring (January). 16 seats each in two full-time day sections and 16 in the part-time evening/Saturday section. Visit the schedule options tab on the Cosmetology program page for additional information.

*Subject to change.

Q: Are there minimum test scores needed for admittance into the Cosmetology program?

A: No, however, students will need to meet the minimum score prerequisite or take the necessary skill building courses prior to registering for the core Cosmetology program courses.

Students can meet minimum score reading or writing prerequisites through any of the following:

- High school GPA of 2.60 or above (transcript must include completed coursework through the 11th grade)
- College transcript with a C or better in courses with a reading and writing prerequisite.
- Meeting one of the minimum placement scores below:

Next Generation- Accuplacer		Compass		ACT		Asset	
Reading	Writing	Reading Skills	Writing Skills	Reading	English	Reading Skills	Writing Skills
238	230	61	43	13	14	36	35

GED	Accuplacer		Accuplacer ESL		
Language Arts- 2014 Series	Reading Comp	Sentence Skills	Reading	Language Use	Sentence Mean
165	55	56	82	82	82

Contact an enrollment counselor at enroll@wctc.edu for specific questions.

Q: What are the approximate costs of the Cosmetology program?

A: Below is an estimated cost and is subject to change. The cosmetology kit, textbooks and iPad are required to be purchased from the WCTC bookstore.

Tuition= \$6,000

Cosmetology Kit= \$2,100

Textbooks= \$165

iPad and Lab= \$749 (An iPad rental option is also available in the bookstore)

Q: Is the Cosmetology program eligible for financial aid?

A: Yes, visit studentaid.gov to start the financial aid process. Please note, financial aid may not cover the full cost of tuition, iPad, LAB, kit and/or summer interim. For more information or to connect with a financial aid advisor go to wctc.edu/financial-aid, email money@wctc.edu or call 262.691.5436.

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Q: I am admitted for the upcoming semester, what are my next steps?

A: Once admitted, your next step will be to complete the online New Student Orientation (NSO). Next, your academic advisor will create and send a new student advising guide to identify a course plan for the upcoming semester.

Q: Once admitted to the Cosmetology program, am I guaranteed a seat in program courses?

A: No, registration occurs on a first-come, first-served basis. It is important to be admitted, complete online New Student Orientation early (prior to registration opening), and register for courses at 7:00 a.m. when new student registration begins for your best chance at getting a seat.

Find important registration dates here: www.wctc.edu/reg-dates.

Full-time program students: Students are required to self-enroll in all of the first semester full-time course sections.*

Part-time program students: Students are required to self-enroll in all of the first semester part-time course sections.*

**WCTC reserves the right to adjust your schedule if you are enrolled incorrectly.*

Q: How and where do we practice services?

A: Students in the Cosmetology program will practice services on their fellow classmates, friends, family and the general public in WCTC's Style & Class Salon and Spa and/or various external community locations.

Q: Is there a dress code for the program?

A: Yes, students are required to wear all black attire and a smock that will be provided to them.

Q: Will I earn my license upon completion of the Cosmetology program?

A: Upon graduation, students may register for the next regularly scheduled Wisconsin State Board Cosmetology Practitioners Licensing Exam. The licensing exam consists of both written and practical examinations. The cost of the exam is approximately \$400. Upon successful completion of these exams the individual will be authorized to practice cosmetology in the State of Wisconsin.

To be eligible for testing/licensing, you must be able to obtain a Social Security Number.

Q: Will I need to complete a background check for this program?

A: Acceptance into the program at WCTC does not require a background check and a student will not be denied based on a criminal background, but certain offenses may prevent you from being able to obtain your license.

A background check will be necessary prior to sitting for your licensing exam. Convictions of crimes or pending charges may be grounds for denial of license if the circumstances of the conviction or charge are substantially related to professional practice. Visit dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/Cosmetologist for additional information.