

## COSMETOLOGY CAREER AND LICENSING INFORMATION

### “Career Information You Should Know”

#### Illinois Licensing Requirements for Cosmetology

Each applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Is at least 16 years of age.
2. Has graduated from a high school or equivalent.
3. Has graduated from a cosmetology school approved by the Department having completed 1500 hours in the study of cosmetology extending over a period of not less than 8 months, no more than 7 consecutive years. A school may, at its discretion, consistent with the rules of the department, accept up to 500 hours of barber school training at a recognized barber school towards the 1500-hour course requirements of cosmetology. Time spent in such study under the laws of another state or territory of the United States or of a foreign country or province shall be credited toward the period of study required by the provisions of this paragraph.
4. Has passed an examination authorized by the Department to determine fitness to receive a license as a cosmetologist. The requirements for remedial training set forth by the Department may be waived in whole or in part by the Department upon proof to the Department that the applicant has demonstrated competence to sit for the examination again. The Department shall promulgate rules establishing the standards by which such a decision shall be made.
5. Has met any other requirements of this Act.

**Safety Requirements:** The practice of cosmetology involves the use of sharp implements as well as chemicals that could be hazardous. Attention to proper safety procedures, which protect both client and technician, is very important and will be taught during the course.

**Physical Demands:** The physical demands for a cosmetologist are primarily the extensive use of the hands for salon services and the long periods of standing that are required for the services.

**Compensation:** According to the United States Department of Labor, salon professionals can average up to \$50,000 per year including tips. Some of the main factors that determine income include the size and location of the salon, hours worked, the tipping habits of clients, and competition from other salons and shops. A cosmetologist’s ability to bring in and maintain regular clients is another factor in determining potential earnings. According to the US Department of Labor, many cosmetologists and other personal appearance workers receive commissions based on the price of the service, or they earn a salary based on hours worked. Others in this industry are self-employed. Nearly every professional in the cosmetology industry receives tips and commissions for the products they sell. Some salons pay bonuses to employees who bring in new business.

According to the US Department of Labor, employment of hairdressers, hairstylists, cosmetologists, skin care specialists, manicurists, pedicurists, and shampooers is projected to grow 13% by the year 2026.

#### **State Educational Requirements**

The institution has determined that its curriculum meets the State educational requirements for licensure or certification to the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia.

The institution has determined that its curriculum does not meet the State educational requirements for licensure or certification to the following states:

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.