

NAIL TECHNOLOGY CAREER AND LICENSING INFORMATION

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Illinois Licensing Requirements for Nail Technicians

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 or nail technology school approved by the Department having completed 350 hours in the study of nail technology extending over a period of not less than 8 weeks, nor more than 2 consecutive years and including the following: (a) theory, (b) manicuring and pedicuring, (c) nail treatment, (d) sanitary rules and sterilization, and (e) related electives.
4. Has passed an examination authorized by the Department to determine fitness to receive a license as a nail technician.
5. Has met any other requirements of this Act.

Safety Requirements: The practice of nail technology 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, are very important, and will be taught during the course.

Physical Demands: The physical demands for a nail technician are primarily the extensive use of the hands for manicuring and related massage services, and the exposure to inhaled chemicals that may be used in application of artificial nails.

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% through 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.