



A Course of Study for  
**COSMETOLOGY**

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The Cosmetology Department is an exciting place of color, shape, and beauty. We welcome you to join our program, where you can obtain the education you need to succeed in the cosmetology, skin care, and nail care industries. These well-established programs will prepare you for a career as a platform artist, educator, stylist, colorist, salon owner, sales representative, and makeup artist, as well as offer you the opportunity to work in the television and movie industries, or on cruise ships. Our program prepares you to take the State board examination for a cosmetology license.

Information regarding the cosmetology program is available in the Cosmetology Department, (310) 434-4292, and through the SMC website ([www.smc.edu](http://www.smc.edu)).

### PROGRAMS OFFERED

#### Associate Degree

- Barbering (33 units to total 1,000 hours)
- Cosmetology (25 units to total 1,000 hours)

#### Certificates of Achievement

- Cosmetology (25 units to total 1,000 hours)
- Esthetician (16 units to total 600 hours)
- Nail Care (11 units to total 400 hours)
- Salon Business (14 units)

### ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

An Associate degree is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) in degree applicable coursework and a minimum of **60 degree applicable semester units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of one of the following general education patterns: SMC GE, CSU GE, or IGETC;
- Completion of the SMC Global Citizenship graduation requirement.

### CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

A Certificate of Achievement is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a **designated minimum number of units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College. Department Chairs have the discretion to waive the 50% minimum units required at SMC to meet the major or area of emphasis. All major coursework must be completed with a "C" or better grade.

**Note:** Department Certificates are not noted on student transcripts. Students must submit a petition to the relevant academic department to be awarded a Department Certificate.

### CATALOG RIGHTS

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student's *continuous* enrollment. Continuous enrollment means attendance in at least one semester (Fall or Spring) in each academic year.

## BARBERING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Cosmetology Department is an exciting place to learn about the barbering industry. We welcome you to join our program where you can obtain the practical and technical skills necessary for optimal success. The classrooms are similar to a salon/barbershop atmosphere, with the latest technology creating a positive learning environment for students. Students will have the opportunity to provide services for members of the community, students, faculty and staff of Santa Monica College, including family and friends. This well-established department will prepare you for a barbering license from the California State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology. After successful completion of the program and passing the state board exam, a career in barbering offers multiple employment and entrepreneurial opportunities, such as: platform artist, educator, barber, colorist, salon owner, sales representative, cruise ships, television and film industries. Information regarding the barbering program is available at the Cosmetology Department, (310) 434-4294, and through the SMC website ([www.smc.edu](http://www.smc.edu)).

**Program Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of the program, the student will be able to demonstrate entry level skills in hair cutting, hair coloring, hair styling, shaving with a razor, men's styling and chemical texture. Upon completion, the student will be eligible to take the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology licensure exam. The student will be able to recognize and demonstrate the importance of and practice of ethical behavior in a professional work setting. Apply theories, principles, and concepts of skills learned that apply to Barbering and follow the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology Rules and Regulations.

### AREA OF EMPHASIS: (33 UNITS) (Effective Fall 2024)

#### Required Hours:

1,000 hours minimum, including the courses as specified below

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#### Required Level 1 Courses:

COSM 10A	Related Science 1A	COSM 11B	Hair Styling 1
COSM 10B	Related Science 1B	COSM 11C	Hair Coloring 1
COSM 11A	Hair Cutting 1	COSM 11D	Permanent Waving

#### Required Level 2 Courses:

COSM 20	Related Science 2	COSM 21C	Hair Coloring 2
COSM 21A	Hair Cutting 2	COSM 21E	Curly Hair Techniques 2
COSM 21B	Hair Styling 2	COSM 42	Short Hair Cutting

#### Required Level 3 Courses:

COSM 30	Related Science 3		
COSM 31A	Hair Cutting 3		
COSM 31C	Hair Coloring 3		
COSM 31E	Multi Texture Styling		
COSM 77	Barbering		

#### Required Level 4 Courses:

COSM 64	Salon Management		
COSM 78	Barbering 2		

#### Required State Board Course:

COSM 50R	Written Preparation for Barbering State Board Exam		
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#### Required Salon Courses:

Before enrolling in Salon classes, you must have completed ALL Level 1 classes. Any combination of Salon classes is acceptable.

COSM 95A	Salon Experience	COSM 95C	Salon Experience
COSM 95B	Salon Experience	COSM 95D	Salon Experience

**COSMETOLOGY, ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

**Program Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of the program, students will be able to demonstrate professional level skill in her cutting, hair coloring, hair styling, nail care, and skin care. Additionally, the student will be proficient in health and safety procedures in common use in salons. Upon completion, the student will be eligible to take the California State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering licensure exam.

**AREA OF EMPHASIS: (25 UNITS)****(Effective Fall 2023)****Required Hours:**

1,000 hours minimum, including the courses specified below

**Required Related Science Courses:**

COSM 10A	Related Science 1A
COSM 10B	Related Science 1B
COSM 20	Related Science 2
COSM 30	Related Science 3
COSM 50A	Written Preparation for Counseling State Board Exam

**Required Hair Cutting Courses:**

COSM 11A	Hair Cutting 1
COSM 21A	Hair Cutting 2
COSM 42	Short Hair Cutting

**Required Hair Styling Courses:**

COSM 11B	Hair Styling 1
COSM 21B	Hair Styling 2

**Required Hair Coloring Courses:**

COSM 11C	Hair Coloring 1
COSM 21C	Hair Coloring 2

**Required Permanent Wave Course:**

COSM 11D	Permanent Waving
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**Required Curly Hair Technique Course:**

COSM 21E	Curly Hair Techniques 2
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**Required Nail Care Courses:**

COSM 16	Nail Care 1
COSM 26	Nail Care 2
COSM 36	Nail Care 3

**Required Esthetician Courses:**

COSM 18	Skin Care 1	COSM 28B	Skin Care 2B
COSM 28A	Skin Care 2A	COSM 48B	Advanced Make-Up

**Required Salon Management Course:**

COSM 64	Salon Management
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**Salon Experience Courses:**

Theory and Practical Activity: In order to fulfill any outstanding required hours, students must enroll in one or more of the following Salon courses (2 units minimum).

**NOTE:** Students may NOT enroll in any of the courses below until they have completed at least 300 hours of practical activity AND have completed all of the following COSM courses above: 10A, 10B, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, 11E, 16, and 18.

COSM 95A	Salon Experience
COSM 95B	Salon Experience
COSM 95C	Salon Experience

## ESTHETICIAN, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The esthetician program provides students with professional-level skill in client consultation, skin analysis, and manual, chemical, and electrical facials, as well as eyebrow shaping, waxing, the application of strip and individual eyelashes, and makeup application. Additionally, students will become proficient in health and safety procedures in common use in salons and spas. Upon completion, the student will be eligible to take the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering/NIC Esthetician licensure exam.

**Program Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of the program, students will demonstrate entry-level proficiencies needed in a professional spa environment including skin analysis, product application, massage and waxing techniques required for specific skin types and skin conditions. Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of electrical modalities and chemical peels at a level applicable to enter the esthetic workplace as well as pass their California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology Esthetic examination.

### AREA OF EMPHASIS: (16 UNITS)

**(Effective Fall 2023)**

#### Required Hours:

600 hours minimum including the courses specified below

#### Required Related Science Courses:

COSM 10A	Related Science 1A	COSM 30	Related Science 3
COSM 10B	Related Science 1B	COSM 50E	Written Preparation for Esthetician State Board Exam
COSM 20	Related Science 2		

#### Required Esthetician Courses:

COSM 18	Skin Care 1	COSM 38B	Mechanical Exfoliation
COSM 28A	Skin Care 2A	COSM 38C	Chemical Exfoliation
COSM 28B	Skin Care 2B	COSM 48	Skin Care 4
COSM 38	Skin Care 3	COSM 48B	Advanced Make-Up

#### Required Salon Management Course:

COSM 64	Salon Management
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**Theory and Practice Activity:** In order to fulfill any outstanding required hours, students must enroll one or more of the following Salon courses: (1 unit minimum)

**NOTE:** Students may NOT enroll in any of the courses below until they have completed at least 90 hours of practicum activity AND have completed all of the following COSM courses: 10A, 10B, and 18.

#### Salon Experience Courses:

COSM 95A	Salon Experience	COSM 95C	Salon Experience
COSM 95B	Salon Experience	COSM 95D	Salon Experience

## NAIL CARE, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Nail Care program provides students with professional level skill in manicures, pedicures, nail tips, acrylics, gel nails, and 3-D nail art. Additionally, students will become proficient in health and safety procedures in common use in salons and spas. Upon completion, the student will be eligible to take the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering/NIC Manicure licensure exam.

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the Nail Care program, students will demonstrate professional level skill in manicures, pedicures, nail tips, acrylics, gel nails, and 3-D nail art. Additionally, the student will be proficient in health and safety procedures in common use in salons and spas.

### AREA OF EMPHASIS: (11 UNITS)

**(Effective Fall 2023)**

#### Required Hours:

400 hours minimum including the courses specified below

#### Required Related Science Courses:

COSM 10A	Related Science 1A	COSM 20	Related Science 2
COSM 10B	Related Science 1B	COSM 50N	Written Preparation for Nail Care State Board Exam

#### Required Nail Care Courses:

COSM 16	Nail Care 1	COSM 36	Nail Care 3
COSM 26	Nail Care 2	COSM 46	Nail Care 4

#### Required Salon Management Course:

COSM 64	Salon Management
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Theory and Practical Activity: In order to fulfill any outstanding required hours, students must enroll into one or more of the following Salon courses: (1 unit minimum)

**NOTE:** Students may NOT enroll in any of the courses below until they have completed at least 80 hours of practicum activity AND have completed all of the following COSM courses: 10A, 10B, and 16.

#### Salon Experience Courses:

COSM 95A	Salon Experience	COSM 95C	Salon Experience
COSM 95B	Salon Experience	COSM 95D	Salon Experience

## SALON BUSINESS, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

\*Students may complete the area of emphasis (major) requirements in effect at the time enrollment begins or the requirements in effect at graduation as long as continuous enrollment is maintained. \*Continuous enrollment means attendance in at least one semester (Fall or Spring) in each academic year.

At least 50% of the units required for Department Certificates must be completed at Santa Monica College. Department Chairs have the discretion to waive the 50% minimum units required at SMC to meet the major or area of emphasis. All major coursework must be completed with a "C" or better grade.

A Department Certificate in Salon Business will aid cosmetologists, estheticians and manicurists in establishing and running their own business/salon.

**Program Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion of the Salon Business Certificate, students will demonstrate an understanding of the key points for operating and supervising a salon/spa business. Students will be able to apply business principles to the salon and spa business.

### AREA OF EMPHASIS: (14 UNITS)

#### Required Courses:

ACCTG 21	Business Bookkeeping	3
BUS 34A	Introduction to Digital Marketing ( <i>formerly BUS 34</i> )	3
CIS 4	Business Information Systems with Applications	3
COSM 64	Salon Management	2

#### Select 1 Course from the following:

BUS 1	Introduction to Business	3
BUS 20	Principles of Marketing	3
BUS 65	Management Principles	3

## TEACHER TRAINING (IN COSMETOLOGY)

This program is temporarily suspended. Many of the required classes are not being offered at this time. If you are interested in this certificate program, please contact the Cosmetology department at (310) 434-4292.