The Cosmetology program provides students with the skills needed to complete the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology Licensing Exam.

Related Job Titles
- Cosmetologist
- Hair Stylist
- Beautician
- Barber
- Skin Care Technician
- Nail Technician

Skills You Will Learn
All tasks must be completed in compliance with the general rules and regulations of the State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling.
- Perform sterilization/sanitation procedures
- Shampoo and condition hair and scalp
- Cut, shape, set/style, color & lighten hair
- Perform permanent waving/chemical relaxing
- Perform manicures, pedicures and application of artificial nails
- Hair removal and waxing
- Apply makeup and perform facials
- Perform salon reception functions
- Care and styling of wigs, extension application
- Thermal pressing and curling

Preferred Skills for Career Field:
You should be able to:
- Work well with people
- Make decisions based on professional judgment
- Perform a variety of duties
- Be flexible and patient
- Be creative

Special Requirements
To obtain a NJ State Board License for Cosmetology and Hairstyling, students must be at least 17 years of age and a high school graduate*, accrue 1000 hours of Cosmetology education, complete and pass the Cosmetology course, and successfully pass the theory and practical portion of the NJ State Board of Cosmetology Licensing Exam.

Career Ladder
Students who attain a Cosmetology license may seek employment in the following areas:
- Salon, barbershop, spa
- Makeup artist
- Theatrical & special effects make up
- Wedding & event stylist
- Nail technician
- Esthetician
- Salon manager or business owner
- Social media influencer (hair, make up, nails, esthetics)

Continuing Education
Ocean County Vocational Technical School
Ocean County College
The Redkin Exchange
The Aveda Institute

*A home education diploma is not recognized for licensure by the NJ State Board of Cosmetology.

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