

Somerset County Vo-Tech Program Overview



Cosmetology

Employment of barbers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists is projected to grow 11 percent over the next ten years. Population growth will lead to greater demand for hair care services. In 2024 the median pay for barbers, hair stylists, and cosmetologists was \$35,420 per year or \$17.03 per hour.

(Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Students in the Cosmetology Program learn the fundamental skills to gain employment in the field of cosmetology, including hair care, skin care, makeup, barbering, and nail care. Students also learn the skills related to seeking and maintaining employment as well as small business operations. Course work is both hands on and academic. Students will have the opportunity to obtain additional certificates such as shop safety and extensions. During the course of their 2nd year, once students have obtained 600 hours they will apply for their permit which will allow them to work in a salon. During the course of their 4th year, students which have obtained 1,000 hours will have the opportunity to take the State Cosmetology Board Exam. Many students choose Cosmetology as a career and a means to help financially while attending college or university.

Curriculum:

Year 1: Foundations: Shop Safety, Responsibilities, Sanitation, Sterilization, Career Paths, Basic Life Skills, Basic Hairstyling and Nail Services

Year 2: Fundamentals: Booking Clients, Salon Operations, Advanced Styling, Basics of Haircutting, Make-Up, Skin Care

Year 3: Chemistry of Cosmetology: Hair Coloring/Lightening, Permanent Waving, Hair Straightening, Advanced Nail Care

Year 4: Professional Development: Laws & Regulations, Business Operations, Resume Building /Professional Portfolio, Shaving/Barbering, State Exam, Clinical Practice

Classes meet for 2 periods/80 minutes per day, 5 days a week

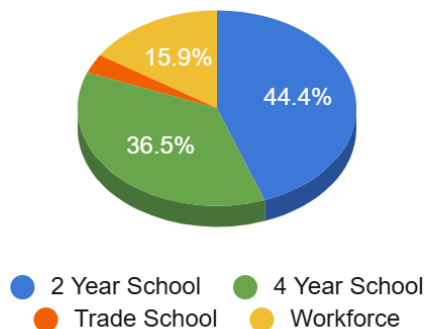
Average number of new students accepted per year: 25

Opportunity for professional certifications: YES

Opportunity to earn college credits: NO

Student Plans at Graduation

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FUTURE CAREERS

Hair Stylist
Makeup Artist
Barber
Salon Owner/Manager
Product Educator
Nail Technician
Esthetician

RECENT STUDENT POST-SECONDARY DESTINATIONS

Fairleigh Dickinson University
Montclair State University
Raritan Valley Community College
Great Clips
Hair Port
Liquid Hair Salon
Splash Salon and Spa
Rutgers University

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All SCVTHS students have the opportunity to compete for state and national recognition in the annual SkillsUSA competitions.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel by providing educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education (CTE) in the nation's classrooms.

Recent Awards

2019	Silver Medal	State Cosmetology Competition
2021	Gold Medal	State Cosmetology Competition
2023	Bronze Medal	State Cosmetology Competition
2024	Silver Medal	State Manikin Fantasy Make-Up
2024	Silver Medal	Nail Technology/Care
2024	Silver Medal	Cosmetology (Novice)
2024	Bronze Medal	Braiding & Extensions



Students work in a functioning salon, beginning with model heads and progressing to work with classmates and eventually with the general public. Academic classwork can be challenging and involves elements of both human anatomy and chemistry.

All Somerset County Vocational & Technical School programs are supported by a community advisory panel. The Cosmetology advisory panel members include:

Monmouth County Vo-Tech
William Paterson University
Great Clips
Beyond the Fringe
Monmouth County Vocational Schools
William Paterson University
Shear Colour Salon

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