

COSMETOLOGY FOUNDATION
SOC Code 39.5012
Method of Delivery: Residential

The Cosmetology Foundation program is a 1000-hour course of instruction designed to prepare students for initial licensure and entry-level employment in the field of barbering. This program meets the requirements established by the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology for licensure and provides the foundational technical training and theory necessary to begin a career in the industry. The program length for the Day Schedule is 29 weeks, and the Evening Schedule is 40 weeks. Students are trained using the Bellus Academy Cut and Color system, which incorporates verbal, written, visual and hands-on instruction in both classroom and clinic floor settings. Instruction includes the development of core technical skills in haircutting, hairstyling, and chemical services, as well as foundational knowledge in health and safety, sanitation, and client care. In addition to technical training, students are introduced to essential professional skills including client consultation, basic business practices, and introductory marketing concepts to support early career success. This program is intended for individuals seeking to enter the cosmetology profession and establish a foundation for future growth and advancement within the industry.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The program is structured to ensure students gain the competencies required to:

1. Successfully complete the California State Board licensing requirements
2. Perform cosmetology services at an entry-level standard
3. Demonstrate foundational client service and consultation skills
4. Begin employment in a salon or related cosmetology environment.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION SHALL INCLUDE:

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| 1. Lecture | 5. Video |
| 2. Teaching aids | 6. Demonstration |
| 3. Testing (oral/written) | 7. Role-Play |
| 4. Student participation in practice | 8. Online Theory using hardware and software to access online content |

COSMETOLOGY FOUNDATION COURSE OUTLINE

Pursuant to B&P 7362.5(c) the curriculum for a cosmetology course shall, at a minimum, include technical and practical instruction in the following areas:	MINIMUM HOURS	MINIMUM PROCEDURES
Health and Safety: Including instruction on hazardous substances, chemical safety, safety data sheets, protection from hazardous chemicals, preventing chemical injuries, health and safety laws and regulations, and preventing communicable diseases.	100	
Board Approved Health & Safety Course (B&P 7389(a)): Including instruction on hazardous substances, basic labor laws, and physical and sexual assault awareness.		
Disinfection and Sanitation: Including instruction on disinfection procedures to protect the health and safety of consumers as well as the technician and proper disinfection procedures for equipment used in establishments.	100	10
Chemical Hair Services: Including instruction on coloring, straightening, waving, bleaching, hair analysis, predisposition and strand tests, safety precautions, formula mixing, and the use of dye removers.	200	100
Hairstyling Services: Including instruction on arranging, blow drying, cleansing, curling, dressing, hair analysis, shampooing, waving, and nonchemical straightening, and hair cutting, including the use of shears, razors, electrical clippers and trimmers, and thinning shears, for wet and dry cutting.	200	210
Skin Care: Including instruction on chemical and manual facials and massaging, stimulating, exfoliating, cleansing, or beautifying the face, scalp, neck, or body by the use of hands, esthetic devices, cosmetic products, antiseptics, lotions, tonics, or creams that do not result in the ablation or destruction of the live tissue.	150	25
Hair Removal and Lash and Brow Beautification: Including instruction on tinting and perming eyelashes and brows and applying eyelashes to any person and includes removing superfluous hair from the body of any person by use of depilatories, tweezers, sugaring, nonprescription chemicals, or waxing, or by the use of devices and appliances of any kind or description, except by the use of lasers or light waves, which are commonly known as rays	50	20
Manicure and Pedicure: Including instruction on water and oil manicures, hand and arm massage, foot and ankle massage, nail analysis, and artificial nail services, including, but not limited to, acrylic, liquid and powder brush-ons, dip, tips, wraps, and repairs.	100	15

Additional Instruction and Training:

Including career development skills, business and marketing strategies, financial literacy, and clinic floor practicum. Externships (for those who qualify.). 100

GRADING POLICY

Bellus Academy's course provides education and training in the areas associated with skills needed to graduate that are measured by course objectives. The school maintains complete records on each student or graduate for reference as required by the State. All students receive a complete theory and practical test after each section of the program has been completed. Individual tutoring, if needed, is available in preparation for the state exam. Each student is graded on their theory and practical work, attendance, appearance, and attitude. The grading used is as follows:

93 – 100	EXCELLENT
85 – 92	VERY GOOD
75 – 84	SATISFACTORY
74 and BELOW	UNSATISFACTORY

Written progress reports are maintained by the Academy. Students receive progress reports that must be signed and kept in their file at least two (2) times during their program. Informal progress reports are distributed monthly and are available on the Bellus App so students can keep track of their progress. Additional progress reports may be issued to students as requested or on an as needed basis determined by the instructor.

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES:

Cosmetologists entering the job market can be employed as assistants or stylists. Cosmetologists may also enter the employment field as a makeup artist, manicurist, facialist, hair color technician, ethnic styles specialist or haircutter.

CLASS AVAILABILITY:

Classes are conducted in residency, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm for day students and Monday through Friday from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm for night students. Please see the Class Start Calendar in the Catalog for Start dates.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND ACCESS:

Hardware and software to access Pivot Point LAB digital textbook for Cosmetology and Workbook, included in the kit cost.

LANGUAGE

The course is conducted in the English language.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL *is updated periodically and includes textbooks and equipment required for successful completion of the program.*

When the kit, its contents, and the textbooks have been issued to the student, they become the financial and personal responsibility of that student. Kit supplies may vary due to manufacturer availability.

Note: The academy provides sufficient supplies and informational material to each student to reinforce their learning. Such materials are issued based on instructional subject areas.