

Esthetics Technology Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is Esthetics?

Esthetics is a specialty section of education taken from Cosmetology. It specifically relates to the health and beautification of the skin, both face and body.

What is the difference between a Cosmetologist and an Esthetician?

A cosmetologist is a hair care specialist, who has minimal training on skin care. An esthetician is a skin care therapist who has special training in the study and care of the skin.

Do I have the personal qualities that make a great esthetician?

- You enjoy working with others.
- You desire to help and nurture others.
- You are good with your hands.
- You care for your own skin and well-being.
- You are interested in the beauty field.
- You have a compassionate and caring spirit.

If these statements apply to you, you have the potential to make an excellent esthetician.

What job opportunities will I have with an Esthetic License?

With your license you can go into many different areas within the field of esthetics such as: medical esthetician*, make-up artist, cosmetics buyer, cosmetic researcher, beauty editor, and instructor of esthetics. We will discuss the different avenues you might consider in the program. This will assist you in finding an area that appeal to your interest with skin care. * The medical esthetician may require additional training.

Do you help students find employment?

No, however we can give you leads that could potentially lead to jobs. The student's level of professionalism will better the odds of getting a position.

What is the average class size?

The average class sizes are 7 students, with a maximum of 12 students.

When do you begin practical (hands on) training as opposed to lecture?

We incorporate both practical training and lecture up to 75 hours before students enter the clinical area. Approximately 14 hours per week are concentration on the practical study. Students will concentration on performance requirement which will prepare each student for the esthetics industry.

What is the employment outlook for Estheticians?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the demand for skin care specialists is expected to grow by 34 percent from 2006 to 2016. This growth primarily will be a result of an increasing population and from the growing demand for personal appearance services, particularly skin care services.

What type of salary could I earn?

As in any profession, you work your way up the pay scale. You will probably start with a base salary while building a clientele. After your clientele is established, you may switch to a commission on services starting at approximately 40% and rises gradually as you gain experience. The products you sell will provide an additional commission. The amount you will make will fluctuate with the seasons. The yearly salary range for Estheticians is \$20,000-\$60,000 or more based on experience..

How long is the Esthetician program?

North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Arts Examiner requires 600 hours; which will be completed in two class sessions.

What does my tuition fee cover?

- The 600 instructional and clinical hours required by the state;
- Name Tag;
- Parking placard;
- Participation in all BCC activities; and
- Hands-on experience working with clients.

What supplies will I have to purchase?

- Uniform (Wine Color Top/ White Pants)
- White, closed-toe, rubber bottom shoes
- Text Books: 11th edition Milady's Standard Esthetics
- Esthetician Beauty Kit (the instructor will provide list of items needed for your kit)

Upon successful completion of this course will I be able to sit for the North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Art licensing exam for esthetician?

Yes, student will participate in practice written and practical exams as part of the course. There will be information on exam dates and times, along with test taking strategies.