COSMETOLOGY (Long-Term Certificate)

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Cosmetology Program is to provide accessible, quality technical educational opportunities that will provide individuals with the knowledge and technical skills necessary to pass the Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering Licensure Exam and to obtain entry-level employment in the cosmetology and personal appearance profession. The philosophy and purpose of the Cosmetology Program are consistent with that of the governing institution.

The certificate program is designed to produce graduates who, when licensed, are prepared for an entry-level career as a cosmetologist, natural hairstylist, barber, esthetician, or manicurist. Other careers that may be obtained through further education in the cosmetology field are beauty consultant for publishing, salon owner, educational specialist or platform artist, and other careers in the beauty industry. Program graduates are to be competent in the academic areas of communications, mathematics, computer literacy, and human relations and in the technical areas of wet hairstyling, thermal hairstyling, thermal straightening, hair cutting/shaping, hair color, skincare, manicuring and pedicuring, permanent waving, facials, facial makeup, hair removal, and chemical hair relaxing. Reid State Community College will accomplish program objectives by providing students with a comprehensive general education and technical training in the core area of cosmetology. The program is carefully constructed to provide the student with the skills and knowledge required for the Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering Licensure Examination. The occupational skill preparation should meet the Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering recognized skill standards. The college will ensure program quality through internal certification of graduate competencies, external licensure of graduates, and program approval by the Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering.

Occupational Data

Graduates of the Cosmetology program work in the salon setting where they use their skills which are grouped under the classification of cosmetologist personnel. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment and Wages, the national median wage for cosmetologist personnel was $18.71/hr. in 2022.

Program Outcome Objectives

- Program graduates will be proficient in communication, computation, and interpersonal skills.
- Program graduates will be technically proficient.
- Program graduates will be able to obtain industry certification.
- Program graduates will be successfully employed in the field.
- Employers of program graduates will be satisfied with their education and training.

Admission Requirements

- Must be at least 16 years of age as documented by birth certificate, school records, or driver's license.
- Application for Admission from the Office of Student Services.
- Official high school transcript or GED and college transcript(s).
- Applicants are required to take the Placement Exam.
- While a high school diploma or GED is the preferred entry requirement, the applicant may be admitted provided he or she:
    - Present official transcript documenting completion of the 10^{th} grade and promotion to the 11^{th} grade.
    - Pass the Ability-to-Benefit (ATB) on a standardized, federally approved entrance test. Applicants

admitted under the ATB provision must obtain the GED before graduation.

Exam schedule and GED testing may be obtained from the Testing Coordinator.

Grading Scale for Cosmetology

The Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering requires a grade of at least 70% to pass licensure examinations.

90 - 100 = A
80 - 89 = B
70 - 79 = C
Below 70 = F

Licensure Requirements

Upon completion of the Cosmetology Program's required courses, the student will be eligible to apply for the Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering Student Written Examination. The ABOC requires:

- Fee: $75.00 Non-Refundable (No personal checks or cash)
- Cosmetology Student Written Exam Application
- Copy of current driver's license and social security card.
- One current 2" x 2" Color Professional Passport Photo (No Glamour or Snapshots)
- Proof of the program's Record of Completion (transcripts)
- Must be at least 16 years old.

A student who has completed 70 percent of the required school instructional hours may receive a permit to work in a cosmetology salon when school is not in session. Within 120 days after a student completes the required school hours and training, the appropriate instructor shall certify a record of completion for the student to the board.

Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit for High School Students

Eligible high school students may enroll in cosmetology classes and receive college credit. Students who present transcript documentation for completion of the 11th grade and promotion to the 12th may enroll in classes being offered during the summer semester.

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MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED: 46 Semester Credit Hours
Length of Program: 3 Semesters of full-time attendance

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE: 7 Semester Credit Hours		Theory	Lab	Contact	Credit
ORT 100 ORI 101	Orientation OR Orientation to College	1	0	1	1
AREA I: WRITTEN COMPOSITION 3 hours					
ENG 100 ENG 101	Vocational Technical English I OR English Composition I	3	0	3	3
AREA III: NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS 3 hours					
MAH 101	Introductory Mathematics I OR MTH course of a higher level	3	0	3	3
TECHNICAL CONCENTRATION: 39 Semester Credit Hours					

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE: 7 Semester Credit Hours			Theory	Lab	Contact	Credit
COS	111	Introduction to Cosmetology	3	0	3	3
COS	112	Introduction to Cosmetology Lab	0	3	9	3
COS	113	Theory of Chemical Services	3	0	3	3
COS	114	Chemical Services Lab	0	3	9	3
COS	115	Hair Coloring Theory	3	0	3	3
COS	116	Hair Coloring Lab	0	3	9	3
COS	117	Basic Spa Techniques	3	0	3	3
COS	118	Basic Spa Techniques Lab	0	3	9	3
COS	119	Business of Cosmetology	3	0	3	3
COS	123	Cosmetology Salon Practices	0	3	9	3
COS	144	Hair Shaping and Design	1	2	7	3
COS	152	Nail Care Applications	0	3	9	3
COS	167	State Board Review	1	2	7	3
ELECTIVE:						
COS	182	Special Topics	0	3	9	3