



TCHS Graduates Who Are Cosmetologists You May Know

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Skills Needed

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| 1. Good Hygiene | 5. Problem Solving Abilities | 9. Attention to Detail |
| 2. Manual Dexterity | 6. Commitment to Learning | 10. Creativity |
| 3. Time Management Skills | 7. Communication | 11. Professional Appearance |
| 4. Physical Stamina and Endurance | 8. Compassion | 12. Can-Do Attitude |

How can I become a Cosmetologist?

1) Graduate from cosmetology school with training in cosmetology in order to be eligible to take the PSI exam and apply for a cosmetology license.

The minimum requirement of training is 1,500 hours over the course of nine months.

Courses you take in cosmetology will go over the theory and practice of:

- Hair Coloring & Cutting
- Nail Care
- Makeup Application
- Business & Retail Skills

2) OR You can also work as a licensed apprentice, if you chose not to take the usual path of attending cosmetology school. To be an apprentice, you must be at least 17 years old and submit an application for cosmetology apprentice and complete your training on the job under the supervision of a licensed master cosmetologist with at least three years of experience.

You must complete 3,000 hours and a minimum of 18 months training so that you can apply for examination. Additionally, you will have to keep a record of your hours and training daily as well as the appropriate training form.

3) Pass PSI Exams

You must take the Master Cosmetology Exam which comes in two parts:

- Master Cosmetology Practical Exam (140 minutes): This exam cannot be taken by computer, paper or pencil. This is an exam that tests your clinical and practical skills by having you complete them in person.
- NIC Cosmetology Theory Exam (90 minutes): This exam may be taken online.

Tests are administered in the following cities in Georgia: Atlanta, Macon, and Tifton.

You must renew your cosmetology license every 2 years.

Job Openings

Greater than Average
 Growth Rate: 20%

Salary Expectations in Georgia

Average = \$24,000 - \$40,000

Where do Cosmetologists Work?

Most hairdressers and cosmetologists work in **beauty salons** however they also work in hotels department stores cruise ships resorts and day spas. Many hairdressers and cosmetologists own a salon. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports about 48 percent of cosmetology workers are self-employed.