



Cosmetology

ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Start a stylish new career with Alabama Southern's Cosmetology certificate program

Spas, beauty salons and nail care centers have become relaxing havens from today's hectic world. Certified cosmetologists enjoy rewarding careers interacting with people in a creative, hands-on environment. Earn a Cosmetology certificate from Alabama Southern, and start your stylish new career today!

Alabama Southern's Cosmetology program is designed to prepare you for a promising career in the art of beauty and qualify you to take the Alabama Board of Cosmetology licensing exam. In approximately one year, you can be working in an exciting profession that allows you to help people look and feel better about themselves.

A Great Learning Environment

Alabama Southern's cosmetology lab located on the Thomasville campus is one of the most modern and best-equipped in the South. You'll learn the art and science of beauty care through hands-on experience with hair styling, permanent waving, facials, hair coloring, waxing, nail care and more.

Our instructors stay at the forefront of the beauty industry and frequently attend national conferences and shows to make sure you are learning the most current techniques and styles. Our courses prepare you to enter an exciting career as a cosmetologist, esthetician, stylist, manicurist, platform artist or other beauty-related job such as beauty supply representative, make-up artist, or retail beauty supply sales. Certified cosmetologists can earn \$20,000 to \$30,000 depending on their level of expertise, number of hours worked and the building of clientele.

After you graduate, you will be required to take a written and practical exam administered by the Alabama Board of Cosmetology to become a licensed cosmetologist. Once you have your license, you will be eligible to be employed as a licensed cosmetologist.



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Changing Styles, Changing Attitudes

Styles have changed, and so have consumers. Once men went to barbers, and women went to salons. Now, cosmetologists provide services for both sexes.

Likewise, cosmetology, once considered a woman's profession, now offers career opportunities for both men and women. In fact, male graduates of our program have built successful and prosperous careers in this field. Alabama Southern offers many programs that provide access to gender equity employment.

Alabama Southern's Cosmetology Program prepares you for on-the-job success. Students will take 52-53 semester hours in Cosmetology courses including Cosmetology Art and Science, Chemical Methodology, Colorimetry, Aesthetics, Salon Management Technology and Nail Care. Cosmetology students learn the following skills:

- Safe and sanitary procedures
- Selecting and using appropriate styling aids, equipment, and tools
- Haircutting techniques using clippers, shears, razors, and tapering shears
- Shampooing and conditioning
- Styling, permanent waving, straightening, and coloring hair
- Providing facials, scalp massages, and manicures
- Keeping salon records and assisting in salon management

Students are also required to take 8-21 semester hours of general education courses including Basic English, Basic Math, Reading and Study Skills.

Two Program Options

Alabama Southern offers two certificate programs in Cosmetology: Cosmetology and Cosmetology Instructor. After completing the Cosmetology program and working in the field, some graduates return to take the Cosmetology Instructor program to become qualified to teach. This program prepares you to make lesson plans, keep records, and teach various skills as well as state regulations.

Admission Requirements

- Students should be 16 and older with a high school diploma or GED. Students without a GED or high school diploma may enter the program after passing the Ability to Benefit Test.
- Students must complete an Alabama Southern admissions application and submit official transcripts of all previous academic work to the office of Student Development.
- All students must take the COMPASS Placement Test for placement in English, math and reading.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available for most of our programs. Pell Grants are available for students who qualify. Students should apply for financial aid four to six weeks prior to planned date of enrollment.

For complete curriculum information, plans of study and course offerings visit the Cosmetology link at www.ascc.edu

