Career Opportunities

Today’s cosmetologists can specialize in a vast array of services from facials and manicures to makeup applications and pedicures. Graduates may choose to work as product representatives, nail technicians, colorists or hair stylists. There are even opportunities for employment as makeup artists in the theater or film industries and as platform artists, showcasing the latest hair styles and colors at national hair shows.

Cosmetology (COSME) C260

**First Semester**
- BUS 1201 Financial Planning/Management 2
- COS 1200 Cosmetology I 12
- ENG 1111 Composition I 3
  or
- ENG 1201 Communications 17

**Second Semester**
- ART 1105 Art Introduction 3
- COS 1210 Cosmetology IIA 12

**Summer Semester**
- COS 1220 Cosmetology IIB 8
- PEG 1137 First Aid & Safety Education 3
- PHI 2101 Introduction to Ethics 13

Total Hours 45

Nail Technology (NAILS) C259

**First Semester**
- COS 1261 Nail Technology I 4
- COS 1262 Nail Technology II 4

**Second Semester**
- COS 1263 Nail Technology III 3
- COS 1264 Nail Technology IV 4

Total Hours 16

Financial Assistance

OCC offers a comprehensive financial aid program which includes scholarships, grants, Perkins and Stafford Loans and college work study. Generally those who obtain assistance receive a combination of aid from these various programs. In order to be considered for any of these available financial aid programs, all students must complete a federal and state application form for student aid.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at www.iecc/consumer/.

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Olney Central College’s Cosmetology Program is a career and technical program licensed by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Satisfactory progress in the program will be more than meet the 1,500 hours required by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation before taking the state licensing exam. In order to accomplish this, students are enrolled for 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday, when school is in session.

Students are accepted into the program at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters and must complete three consecutive semesters which will include one summer session. Completion of the program qualifies the student to take a state examination for registration as a licensed cosmetologist in the State of Illinois.

In addition to tuition, cosmetology students are required to buy a lab jacket, clinic shoes, a cosmetology kit, mannequin and textbooks.

**Classroom Experience**

The program covers all facets of the industry, including hair shaping, makeup, skin care, hair coloring, permanent waving, shampooing, scalp treatments, hair styling, chemical hair relaxing, pedicuring, manicuring, massage and shop management. Students also gain experience in retail sales.

**Salon Experience**

Possibly the most important aspect of the Cosmetology Program is the clinical education students receive. OCC’s Cosmetology Program is located at 104 E. Main St., in Olney in a facility specifically designed to give students the experience of working in a salon setting with a big-city feel. The salon atmosphere lets students learn day-to-day functions of the business, including inventory control, bookkeeping and scheduling appointments. Students eventually work with clients in a setting that is as close as possible to the “real thing.” Students have access to facial, pedicure and manicure rooms, which feature modern manicure tables and a pedicure chair.

**Application & Requirements**

Students interested in applying to the Cosmetology Program should contact the Cosmetology Advisor at OCC.

To qualify for ranking, all applicants must meet or exceed the following requirements: 1. Complete an application to Olney Central College by March 1 for fall admission or by October 1 for spring admission. If an applicant does not qualify for ranking during the term requested or is ranked but not admitted, it is the responsibility of the applicant to notify the cosmetology advisor they wish to be considered for the next entry point. 2. Submit official copies of high school transcript or GED scores and previous college transcripts if applicable. 3. The applicant must have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for all college level courses. If college coursework has not been completed, a cumulative high school GPA of 2.0. Students making application for the same year they graduate from high school must have a 2.0 GPA at the end of the first semester of their senior year to be eligible to apply. Passing the GED Test will meet this requirement. 4. COMPASS/ASSET Test scores must be at the 34th percentile or above in English, reading and mathematics. Test date must be within the last four years, but applicants may only test twice during the previous 12 months.

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Nail Technology students will receive basic training in regards to personal and public hygiene, ethics, sterilization and disinfection, and OSHA standards. Classroom instruction will also cover subject areas including cells, metabolism and body systems, the theory of massage, Illinois state laws, and management practices. Clinical training will focus on mani-cures, pedicures, fabric and sculpting procedures, light cured gels, and massaging of the extremities.