

# NOTICE

The Massachusetts Board of Cosmetology and Barbering has recently established a subcommittee called Salon Pathway. The purpose of this subcommittee is to create alternatives for people interested in entering the Cosmetology Industry. (Please see website [Massachusetts Board of Cosmetology and Barbering](#) )

Some of the ideas that have been discussed are as follows;

1. Certificate Program for Shampooing
2. Employee License which would allow the Salon to hire assistance to Shampoo, Blow Dry, Apply Color without having to attend school
3. Apprenticeship Program: 1000 Hours – Min 500 hours in a school, 500 Max in a salon.
4. Allowing students to work in a salon after they have completed for example 800 hours (hours have not yet been determined)

As you can see this is a substantial change to our profession.

The Massachusetts Attorney General requires all schools to notify prospective students of information that may affect their decision in attending school, ***“It is an unfair or deceptive act or practice for a school to conceal or fail to disclose to a prospective student any fact relating to the school or program, disclosure of which is likely to influence the prospective student not to enter into the transaction with the school.”***

Consequently Mansfield feels that a school is required to notify all prospective students of this information even though as of this date no changes have been made.

Mansfield has full intentions of embracing these changes. We feel it will be difficult to provide this flexibility if we are offering financial aid and maintain our accreditation.

Consequently on November 30, 2018 we will be relinquishing our Federal Title IV Financial Aid as well as accreditation.

In 2019, Mansfield Beauty Schools’ we will be celebrating our 110<sup>th</sup> year in operation.

In 1974, Mansfield Beauty Schools’ was one of the first Cosmetology schools in Massachusetts eligible to participate in Title IV financial aid. However, the cost of compliance will well exceed the entry level salary that a graduate is able to earn in the field of Cosmetology.

In January 2018 The National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts & Sciences awarded Mansfield Beauty Schools’ renewal of accreditation for 6 years, the maximum number of years awarded to a school. Although we are very proud of this accomplishment as of November 30, 2018 we will relinquish our accreditation.

We will be reviewing the option(s) of a Salon Pathway as they become available and hope to be able to embrace the changes to come.

Mansfield’s change will not affect the contractual commitment we have made with our current students. We will continue to review every currently enrolled student’s option(s) and will continue to honor our commitment as stated in the student’s enrollment agreement.

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Mansfield has been proud to offer a tuition that was competitive and allowed a student to repay their loans with entry level employee salaries. The continued increase cost of compliance would require us to increase our tuition to a level which we believe would make it difficult for students to repay.

For new students this change will allow us to enroll students who do not have or lack documentation of a high school diploma. We will also be allowed to offer a lower tuition and in-kind scholarships.

More news to come!!