

## Salon Pathway Update November 13, 2018

The Salon Pathway subcommittee of the Massachusetts Board of Cosmetology and Barbering voted at the November 13, 2018 meeting to only move forward with 2 out of the 4 proposals.

The following proposals did not move forward:

1. Certificate Program for Shampooing
2. Employee License which would allow the Salon to hire assistance.

The following proposals did move forward for a final vote to be taken at the December subcommittee meeting and Board meeting.

3. Apprenticeship Program: 1000 Hours
4. Allowing students to work in a salon after they have completed for example 800 hours (hours have not yet been determined)

We have spent considerable time speaking with many representatives of the salon industry in Massachusetts. Mansfield Beauty Schools continues to believe in the Apprenticeship program.

The Apprenticeship Program, however, does not meet the requirement for accreditation and or federal funding. 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 with regulations 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 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.

If you are a prospective student and would like us to contact you if the Apprenticeship program is approved please click on [Contact us](#) and provide us your information and type in the word "Apprenticeship".

If you are a Salon and would be interested in hiring an Apprentice if the program is approved, please click on [Salons](#) provide us with your contact information and type in the word "Apprenticeship".

Cosmetology is a wonderful Industry it is critical that we provide alternative pathways .