

Q. How long is the Cosmetology Apprenticeship program?

A. The Massachusetts Cosmetology Apprenticeship Program is 1000 hours which is required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Cosmetology and Barbering.

Q. What is the difference between the regular Cosmetology Program and the Apprenticeship Program?

A. The difference is in the delivery of the program. The Apprenticeship program contains a minimum of 600 hours of the program in school and a maximum of 400 hours in an approved salon.

Q. Is this a paid Apprenticeship Program?

A. Yes, the employer, salon, must pay minimum wage and follow all Massachusetts state labor laws.

Q. May I work at any Salon?

A. No, the Salon must be licensed by the Board of Cosmetology and Barbering and an approved Apprentice Salon. For example, the Salon will be required to report to the school the hours the student worked every week.

Q. Will the school help me find an approved Apprentice Salon?

A. Yes

Q. What happens if I am working in a Salon and I no longer want to work there?

A. The school will work to find you another Salon.

Q. May I do more than the minimum 600 hours in a school?

A. Yes, you could do the full 1000, but you would be required to pay for the hours.

Q. What will be the curriculum for the Apprenticeship Program?

A. The Cosmetology Apprenticeship Program curriculum is the same mandated by the Massachusetts Board of Cosmetology and Barbering, it is as follows:

Subjects for Cosmetology Program

Manicure

Hair Straightening & Permanent Waving

Shampooing

Finger Waving

Skin Care/Make-up/Facial Grooming

Wig Instruction and Scalp Treatment

Coloring, Dyes and Bleaching Haircutting

Oral, Written, and Practical Tests: Sterilization, Hygiene, and Anatomy

Ethics, Salesmanship, Courtesy & Conduct

Instruction and Lecture on Sanitation

Marcelling and all Iron Curls

Q. Will I be scheduled to work while I am attending classes?

A. Yes, the program is designed for you to work in a Salon as a paid Apprentice while you are attending classes.

Q. Will I need a High School Diploma or equivalent?

A. No

Q. Will I be required to take the state board exam in order to get my license?

Yes, it is the same exam that everyone must take in order to be licensed in Massachusetts.