CURRICULUM STANDARD

Curriculum Program Title	**Cosmetology**	Program Code	**A55140**
Concentration	**(not applicable)**	CIP Code	***12.0401***

Curriculum Description

The Cosmetology curriculum is designed to provide competency-based knowledge, scientific/artistic principles, and hands-on fundamentals associated with the cosmetology industry. The curriculum provides a simulated salon environment which enables students to develop manipulative skills.

Course work includes instruction in all phases of professional imaging, hair design, chemical processes, skin care, nail care, multi-cultural practices, business/computer principles, product knowledge, and other selected topics.

Graduates should qualify to sit for the State Board of Cosmetic Arts examination. Upon successfully passing the State Board exam, graduates will be issued a license. Employment is available in beauty salons and related businesses.

Curriculum Requirements*
[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCCC 400.10]

I.   **General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.

II.   **Major Hours**. AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*

III. **Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	Diploma**	Certificate**
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	34	34
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0
Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)	**64-76**	**40-48**	**34**

*Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.

Major Hours

A. **Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.

B. **Concentration** *(if applicable).* A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.

C. **Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

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	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required	**49 SHC**	**34 SHC**	**34 SHC**
A. CORE *Courses required for the diploma and certificate are designated with *** **Required Courses:** * COS 111 Cosmetology Concepts I 4 SHC * COS 112 Salon I 8 SHC * COS 113 Cosmetology Concepts II 4 SHC * COS 114 Salon I 8 SHC * COS 115 Cosmetology Concepts III 4 SHC * COS 116 Salon I 4 SHC **Required Subject Areas:** * **Cosmetology** Select from any COS curriculum course 2 SHC	**34 SHC**	**34 SHC**	**34 SHC**
B. CONCENTRATION *(Not applicable)*			
C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS *To be selected from the following prefixes:* ACC, ART, BUS, CIS, COS, CSC, CTS, DBA, DRA, ISC, MKT, OST, PSY, WBL, and WEB *Up to two semester hour credits may be selected from ACA.* *Three semester hour credits may be selected from PTE.* *Up to three semester hour credits may be selected from the following prefixes: ARA, ASL, CHI, FRE, GER, IRI, ITA, JPN, LAT, POR, RUS and SPA.* *The use of WBL for Cosmetology students is limited to 5% of a student's training period [21 NCAC 14T .0614].*			**NA**
D. OTHER REQUIRED HOURS	0-7	0-4	**NA**

*** This program is approved by the State Board of Community Colleges to exceed maximum standard hours for a certificate program [ref. 1D SBCCC 400.95 (d)]. See also Community College Numbered Memo CC-98-218.*