

2026 Cosmetology Program Overview

Program Overview

The 2025 Cosmetology program requires a total commitment of 1,500 clock hours. Students may choose between full-time and part-time schedules:

Program Type	Duration (months)	Hours per Week	Total Weeks	Total Days	Class Time
Full-Time	10	26	58	232	8:30 AM to 2:30 PM/Hybrid
Part-Time	15	19.5	100	300	8:30 AM to 2:30 PM/Hybrid

Course Description

Instruction in this program is delivered through a combination of teaching demonstrations, student practice, and individualized explanations. Practical and clinical skills are developed through theory lectures, guest speakers, field trips, and the integration of audio and video aids.

Teaching Methods

Instruction is delivered through classroom lectures and demonstrations (theory), laboratory-based learning and supervision, field trips, evaluations, student advising, and academic classes in each subject area. Clinic operations are also incorporated into the curriculum. The academy provides audio-visual training aids, such as tapes and DVDs, to reinforce and supplement classroom instruction; however, these resources do not replace the instructor.

Cosmetology Course Outline

Subject	Hours
Hygiene and Sanitation	80 Hours
Related Science	120 Hours
Hairdressing	1,000 Hours
Manicuring	100 Hours
Aesthetics	100 Hours
Salesmanship and Shop Management	50 Hours
Professional Ethics	49 Hours
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault	1 Hour

Grading System

The grading system is as follows:

- Passing: 100% - 75%
- Failing: 74% - 0%

Course Objective

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will have developed the skills required to pass the Department of Health Cosmetology Section State Board Examination. Additionally, graduates will possess comprehensive knowledge and expertise in cosmetology, enabling them to thrive in a competitive industry.

Program Tuition & Fees

Fee Description	Amount
Application Fee	\$100.00
Registration Fee	\$150.00
Permit	\$20.00
Tuition	\$14,000.00
Kit	\$2,800.00
Student Books & Workbook Portal	\$500.00

E-books & Homework Portal	\$500.00
Total Tuition	\$18,070.00

All application fees, registration fees, books, kits, uniforms, and materials purchased by the student from the school are nonrefundable and nonreturnable.

Tuition terms can be arranged. The academy offers multiple payment arrangements after the application fee, enrollment fee, and down payment have been paid. The application fee of \$100.00 is due before receiving the application.

Registration, a valid driver's license, Social Security card, and either a high school diploma, transcript, or GED must be submitted. A \$2,800 down payment is due prior to the start date.

1,500-Hour Cosmetology Program – Example Monthly Payment Plan

Down Payment: \$4,000.00 (due prior to start date)

Full-Time Students (9-Month Payment Plan)

- \$1,696.67 per month for 9 months
- All payments must be completed no later than one (1) month prior to graduation

Part-Time Students (14-Month Payment Plan)

- \$1,091.43 per month for 14 months
- All payments must be completed no later than one (1) month prior to graduation

Payment Options for Remaining Balance

- Arkansas Rehabilitation Services: (501) 296-1600 <https://dws.arkansas.gov/ar-rehabilitation-services/>
- Arkansas Rural Endowment: (501) 375-2358 <http://aref.org/>
- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs: (800) 827-1000; www.va.gov
- Tuition Scholarship
- Pay in Full
- Monthly Installment Options

Payments can be made by cash, money order, cashier's check, check, credit card (with a 3% processing fee), or through the academy's invoicing system (with a 3% processing fee). Students are responsible for paying the total program amount as agreed at enrollment. Payments not made before 5:00 PM on the 5th of the month will incur a 10% late fee.

Additional Fees

State Board Exam Fees	State Board Practical Exam Fees	Overtime Fees	Uniform Costs
Students pay a fee directly to the PROV testing center upon reaching 600 clock hours to take the state board written exam. Contact the Department of Health – Cosmetology Section for current fees. \$78 fee per test.	Students pay Esthetic Excellence Academy \$60 to take the State Licensing Practical Exam, or a variable fee if tested at another approved site.	\$250 per week over contract date.	All students must wear a school-issued T-shirt and name tag, purchased at enrollment or before class begins. T-shirt: \$27.50+ (2X, 3X, 4X): +\$5.00; Name tag: \$15.00.

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