



Application for Admission

Welcome to the application process for admission into the Cosmetology or Esthetician program!



STOP, READ FIRST!

- Before submitting this application, you **must** apply for admission to Cerritos College and have a student number
- This application is for prospective Cosmetology or Esthetician students only
- Once admitted into the program no further applications are required; continuous enrollment will be performed by faculty
- Applications will be evaluated through a rubric for final scoring that will determine eligibility

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Application Information
Cerritos College Student Number:
Full Name:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip Code:
Phone Number:
Email Address:

**Ensure all mycerritos account holds have been cleared*

***Please confirm your email address is accurate as this will be used to communicate your application status.*

RESIDENCY

Are you a resident of the Cerritos College service area?

The service area includes the following communities:

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| • Artesia | • La Mirada |
| • Bellflower | • Norwalk |
| • Cerritos | • Lakewood |
| • Downey | • Santa Fe Springs |
| • Hawaiian Gardens | |



- ☐ Yes, specify your city of residence: _____
Attach proof of residency with your application (e.g., utility bill, state-issued ID, rental agreement)
- ☐ No

PROGRAM SELECTION

Select which program you are applying for:

Note: If applying for both programs you must submit two (2) separate applications

- ☐ **COSMETOLOGY** (comprehensive training in hair, skin, and nails)
1,200-hour program that may take approximately 8 months to complete
- ☐ **ESTHETICS** (focused on skin care, makeup, hair removal and beauty treatments)
600-hour program that may take approximately 4 months to complete

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Have you completed Freshman Composition (ENGL 1000 or 1000E or EMLS 180)?

- ☐ Yes, I completed one of these courses at Cerritos College
- ☐ Yes, I completed an equivalent course at another academic institution
- ☐ No, I have not taken the course



Attach a copy of your unofficial transcript from Cerritos College and/or any other institution for which you have officially received credit.

PROGRAM INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

Select the primary reason for choosing this program (check all that apply):

- ☐ Career change
- ☐ Passion for the beauty industry
- ☐ Interest in acquiring specific skills (e.g., cosmetology, esthetics, etc.)
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Briefly outline your long-term career goals and how they align with the program you selected. (Limit to 50-100 words).

List any relevant experience (e.g., retail, customer service, sales hospitality) including dates and roles in the beauty industry or related fields.

Business / Organization	Role	Dates	Responsibilities

PROGRAM COMMITMENT

The Cosmetology and Esthetics programs are a full-time commitment that require availability Monday through Friday to adhere to the requirements of in-person instruction/lab and online lecture. A typical weekly schedule includes approximately:

- 10 hours of online synchronous lecture (this means you must be present in front of a camera via Zoom)
- 25 hours of in-person lab (exchange of services between students and clients)
- 4 hours of online asynchronous (self-guided) coursework; actual hours vary by semester and by program

There is no time built into the program to “take time off” for personal reasons. MISSING HOURS WILL JEOPARDIZE YOUR ABILITY TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM.

Note: we do not accept transfer hours from other training facilities.

Are you prepared to commit to the full-time schedule of the program, including practical and theoretical coursework?

☐ Yes

☐ No

The tables below reflect the required classes for each program.

COSMETOLOGY:

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
COS 100A	COS 104A	COS 108A	COS 111A
COS 100B	COS 104B	COS 108B	COS 111B
COS 101A	COS 105A	COS 109A	COS 112A
COS 101B	COS 105B	COS 109B	COS 112B
COS 102C	COS 106C	COS 110A	COS 113A
COS 103C	COS 107	COS 110B	COS 113B
			COS 114

ESTHETICIAN:

Session 1	Session 2
COS 115A	COS 117A
COS 115B	COS 117B
COS 116A	COS 118A
COS 116B	COS 118B
COS 102E	COS 119
COS 103E	COS 106E

Briefly describe how you can manage your schedule on a weekly basis (Limit to 50 words).

TECHNICAL STANDARDS / ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

I have read and fully understand the technical standards and essential functions required for the programs. [Technical Standards and Essential Functions](#)

Are you fully able to meet these requirements?

- ☐ Yes, complete a brief summary below
- ☐ No

Briefly describe your understanding and ability to perform the Technical Standard (limit to 50 words).

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS (CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS)

The total budgetary estimated cost for each program is listed below. Due to inflation, prices may vary and be slightly higher than the cost listed for each program. These costs are approximate.

Cosmetology: ~\$7,000

Esthetician: ~\$5,000

To participate in the programs, students must be prepared to purchase the required kits, books, and uniforms within the first two days of class.

For non-California residents, contact Admissions and Records.

Have you arranged funding to cover estimated program costs (e.g., savings, financial aid, scholarships)?

- ☐ Yes, I am ready to pay all my fees by the first day of class instruction
- ☐ No, but I will be ready by the first day of class instruction

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Students will be dropped from the program if the financial obligation cannot be met. This is regulated by the department according to state board requirements.
- **For those receiving financial aid, please be aware that disbursements may take several weeks into the semester.**
- The Financial Aid Office at Cerritos College is here to provide students and the community a better understanding of financial aid programs and services available. Please visit their website for more information. [Financial Aid Website.](#)
- Visit the following link for information about how to pay fees:
<https://www.cerritos.edu/admissions-and-records/fees/failure-to-pay.htm>

ACADEMIC PREPARATION BONUS POINT QUESTIONS:

To recognize and reward applicants who demonstrate strong academic preparation, additional points will be awarded based on the completion of key coursework. According to our Research Department Indicator students are more likely to complete their Cosmetology or Esthetician program if they have already completed transfer-level math and other general education courses before applying. Please fill out the section below accurately. Supporting documentation (e.g., transcripts) may be required for verification.

Have you completed a transfer-level math course (e.g., Math 104 or equivalent)?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If "Yes," please provide the following information along with copies of unofficial transcripts.

Course Name	Institution	Year Completed

Have you completed at least 15 General Education units applicable toward a degree?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If "Yes," please list the GE courses completed along with copies of unofficial transcripts.

Course Name	Institution	Year Completed



Do you have a letter of recommendation from a teacher/professor, an employer or supervisor, mentor, community leader, school counselor, or client providing examples of your talents, dedication, and potential for success in cosmetology/esthetics industry.

☐ Yes

☐ No

If "Yes," please submit a copy with your application.

AGREEMENT

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submit your completed application and supporting documents to HS 301 by the date listed on the website.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

Please ensure you attach the following documents:

- Proof of residency (e.g., utility bill, state-issued ID, rental agreement).
- Unofficial Transcripts for completion of Freshman Composition (ENGL 1000 or 1000E or EMLS 180) SEE EXAMPLES BELOW.
- A personal statement about why you want to join the program and your specific area of focus.

Example:

I have always been passionate about beauty and the transformative power it holds. Joining the cosmetology program will allow me to hone my skills, unleash my creativity, and help others feel confident and empowered. With a strong desire to learn and grow in this dynamic industry, I am eager to build a foundation of expertise and turn my passion for hair, makeup, and aesthetics into a fulfilling career that makes a positive impact in people's lives.

- Statement listing any relevant experience, including dates and roles in the beauty industry or related fields.

Example:

"I gained valuable experience doing makeup for my church's carnival event, where I helped create fun and creative looks for attendees. This opportunity allowed me to practice applying makeup on different skin tones and face shapes while enhancing my ability to work in a fast-paced environment. Through this experience, I developed a deeper appreciation for the artistry of makeup and the confidence it can bring to others. It reinforced my passion for beauty and my desire to refine my skills through formal training in the cosmetology program."

- Statement on how you are prepared to commit to the full-time schedule of the program, including practical and theoretical coursework? Briefly describe how you can manage your schedule on a weekly basis.

Example:

"Balancing a busy schedule is nothing new for me—I've juggled school, volunteering, and even doing makeup for my church's carnival event, where I learned to work efficiently under pressure. I know this program will require commitment, and I'm ready for it. I'll create a schedule for myself to stay on top of lectures, labs, and coursework, making sure every hour counts. With my strong work ethic and passion for beauty, I'm confident in my ability to manage my time and fully dedicate myself to this incredible opportunity."

- Statement describing your understanding and ability to perform the Technical Standard.

Example:

"I know being a cosmetologist takes more than just loving beauty—it takes skill, patience, and a whole lot of practice. Doing makeup for my church's carnival event taught me how to work with different people, adjust to their needs, and pay close attention to details, even in a busy setting. I've got steady hands for precise work, a good eye for colors, and the energy to stay on my feet for hours. I'm ready to build on what I've learned and push myself to meet the challenges of this program."

- (Optional for bonus points) Proof of completion of transfer level math
- (Optional for bonus points) Proof of completion of general education units

- (Optional) A letter of recommendation from a teacher/professor, an employer or supervisor, mentor, community leader, school counselor, or client providing examples of your talents, dedication, and potential for success in cosmetology/esthetics industry. (Cerritos Cosmetology or Esthetician Faculty recommendations are not accepted)

Samples of proof of Freshman Composition (ENGL 1000 or 1000E or EMLS 180)

In this example of a completion at Cerritos College.

Beginning of Undergraduate Record							
2024 Summer							
<u>Course</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points</u>	
ENGL	100	Freshman Composition	4.000	4.000	B	12.000	
			<u>Attempted</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>GPA Units</u>	<u>Points</u>	
Term GPA		3.000 Term Totals	4.000	4.000	4.000	12.000	
Transfer Term GPA		Transfer Totals	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Combined GPA		3.000 Comb Totals	4.000	4.000	4.000	12.000	

In this example of completion at another institution.

Transfer Credits			
Transfer Credit from REQUISITE CLEARANCE			
Applied Toward Cerritos College Credit Prg Program			
Incoming Course			
ENGL C	ENGLISH CLEARANCE		0.000
Transfer Credit from LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE			
Applied Toward Cerritos College Credit Prg Program			
Incoming Course			
ENGL 1	READING & COMPOSITION	4.000 C	2016 FALL

In this example of a counselor's clearance.

Transfer Credits			
Transfer Credit from COUNSELOR CLEARANCE			
Applied Toward Cerritos College Credit Prg Program			
Incoming Course			
ENGL C	ENGLISH CLEARANCE		0.000
Transferred to Term 2024 Fall as			
ENGL ZZ50	ENGL 102, ENGL 103 Placement		0.000 T