



COSMETOLOGY DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS Fall 2026

INTRODUCTION

Cerritos College is committed to providing you with the skills needed to achieve your educational goals and career success. Our instructors are industry professionals that will provide you with the best training available. Through our interactive learning model, we provide real world experience to students and prepare them to enter the professional workplace. Our hands-on approach and in-classroom learning prepares students for the real world. Our campus salon is open to the public. In the classrooms, you will learn theoretical and practical skills on the latest technology. In the salon, you will experience hands-on training by working directly on clients. Our students learn how to perform services on clients, provide excellent customer service, build clientele, retail products, and thrive in a salon environment. We are dedicated to student success and helping students reach their goals. Our students are highly sought upon graduation for their vast knowledge and skills in the industry. Once you complete the program, you will be ready to embark on a new and exciting career!

The field of cosmetology offers many exciting careers in hair, makeup, nail care, sales, and education. The field of Esthetics offers careers as a skin care professional, skin care research and product developer, makeup artist and sales. Possible careers: owning or managing a salon, make-up artist, hairstylist, manicurist, industry sales representative, and industry educator.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission in the Cosmetology Department is to provide students with the knowledge and experience necessary to enable them to proceed directly into the workplace with confidence. The Cosmetology Department is dedicated to reaching out to diverse social and economic communities. Thus, we provide comprehensive training programs in a diverse environment that is conducive to learning. The program prepares students for state examination and licensing. In conjunction with the college mission statement the Department provides career technical training that allows students to petition for a Certificate of Achievement and Associate of Science Degree.

CONTENT DISCLAIMER

Cerritos College has made reasonable efforts to assure the accuracy of the information contained in this document at the time of publication. The college reserves the right to add to, amend, or repeal any of the rules, regulations, policies and procedures, or any other content, consistent with applicable regulations and laws. This student rules and regulations packet contains information and college policy that applies to all Cerritos College students enrolled in the cosmetology and esthetics program. Refer to the current schedule of classes and college catalog for further policy, procedures, and disclosures. A digital copy of this document is on the Cerritos College Cosmetology Department website (<http://cms.cerritos.edu/cosmetology/resources-for-continuing-students.htm>)

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency, the Cerritos College Emergency Information web page (<http://www.cerritoscollege.us/>) may be used to secure updated information about any emergency event occurring on the Cerritos College campus. The college also offers an SMS-based emergency notification service for mobile phones. In the event of an emergency, Cerritos students, staff, faculty, and others will be alerted in real-time to important security information. You may sign up for Emergency Text Alerts by texting the keyword "CCALERTS" to 888777.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM COST

Additional supplies and equipment will be required throughout the program as necessary. There's a fee of \$20 for any broken glass electrodes (high frequency or vacuum).

REMOTE AND ON CAMPUS DRESS CODE

- Uniform is required remotely and on campus.
- Name tag must be worn at all times (order from bookstore)
- Black non-slip tennis shoes for lab
- No crocs or shoes with open toe or heel.
- Shoes must be worn correctly not slipped on where heel is showing.
- Cosmetology: Black scrubs, top and bottom.
- Esthetics: Charcoal gray scrub top and black scrub bottoms.
- Jackets and sweaters must be black with a front opening.
- No hats, beanies, or head dressings.
- Black or grey hair headbands only.

ON CAMPUS LAB

- A uniform, name tag and black nonslip shoes (tennis shoes) with covered heels and toes are required.
- Class participation is required for all procedures.
- Short nails are required for any skin care service
- Students cannot decline a client
- If the student cannot participate the instructor will send the student home.
- If you come right before lunch (30 min before) or leave right after lunch (within 30 min) lunch time will not be counted towards your daily hours.
- If you must leave during client hours and you're up next to take a client (students cannot refuse clients) you will have to clock out at the time the client is scheduled for.
- If you're late to class or you leave early, you will need to check in with your instructor. You will have to initial the roster to confirm the time.

KIT DISTRIBUTION POLICY

The esthetic kit is required for participation, as students cannot complete hands-on work without the necessary tool and implements. The kit is part of the program requirements.

Students will not receive their instruction kits until Cosmetology Department staff have verified that the required fee has been fully paid. Simply enrolling in a course does not guarantee immediate access to your kit, staff must confirm payment before any materials are issued. This applies to all students, whether they receive financial aid or not. Please plan accordingly to avoid delays, and make sure your payment is processed before your first day of hands-on activities requiring those class materials.

CROSSOVER PROGRAM AND KIT POLICY

If you are enrolling in a course outside your primary program (for example, an Esthetician student enrolling in a Cosmetology course or vice versa), please be aware that no changes, refunds, or substitutions will be made to the required instructional kits—even if you already own some of the materials. This policy applies to all students without exception. Before you are allowed to enroll in a crossover course, your instructor will explain this policy and you will be required to sign an acknowledgment form confirming your understanding. The college cannot process any requests to modify kits or issue reimbursements, and students should not contact staff or administrators about exceptions. For full details, visit the Crossover Program section of the department website: www.cerritos.edu/cosmetology/CrossoverProgram.htm

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Cerritos College Cosmetology Department does not accept transfer hours, operations or technical from other training programs. Students must complete our program(s) from start to finish.

REQUIRED HOURS

To complete our program within the allowed certification and/or A.A degree options, students are required to be in full attendance to allow proper completion of clocked hours, technical and operations. Our program does not offer make-up hours.

The cosmetology curriculum consists of a minimum of **1000-clocked hours** of class work. Our program is 1200 hours.

The esthetician curriculum consists of a minimum of **600-clocked hours** of class work.

Below is a table with all classes offered this fall semester, section number, days and times they meet, total hours per day and number of minutes for break. The instructor will determine and list how breaks will be observed in the class syllabus.

PROGRAM HOURS



Warning – students that are unable to complete their program of study within the provided available hours offered by the Cerritos College Cosmetology Department will have to wait a full semester to retake a course. A petition to repeat a course will need to be completed by the student and requires approval from the office of Admissions and Records before the student is allowed to retake the class. The approval of petitions is beyond the control of the Cosmetology Department. Students are encouraged to complete within their program of study as detailed above. This enables students to maintain retention of course material and practical application to assist them passing the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology licensing exam.

Class/Section	Days/Time	Total Hours/Day	Minutes of Break
COS 100A / 31003	M 8-12:15	4.25	30
COS 100B / 31004	W/F 8-11/12-2:50	5.83	50
COS 101A / 31005	M 12:30-4:45	4.25	40
COS 101B / 31006	T/Th 8-11/12-2:50	5.83	50
COS 102C / 33632		2	
COS 102E / 31008		2	
COS 102E / 31009		2	
COS 102E / 31010		2	
COS 103C / 33633		2	
COS 103E / 31012		2	
COS 103E / 31013		2	
COS 103E / 31014		2	
COS 104A / 31015	M 8-11:50	3.83	30
COS 104B / 31016	W/F 8-11/12-3:30	6.5	50
COS 105A / 31017	M 12:00-3:50	3.83	30
COS 105B / 31018	T/Th 8-11/12-3:10	6.17	50
COS 106C / 33634		2	
COS 106E/ 31019		2	
COS 106E / 31020		2	
COS 107 / 31022		2	
COS 115A / 31023	M 8-12:15	4.25	30
COS 115A / 31024	M 8-11:50	3.83	30
COS 115A / 31025	M 8-11:50	3.83	30
COS 115B / 31026	T/Th 8-11/12-2:50	5.83	50
COS 115B / 31027	T/Th 8-11/12-3:10	6.17	50
COS 115B / 31028	T/Th 8-11/12-3:10	6.17	50
COS 116A / 31029	M 12:30-4:45	4.25	30
COS 116A / 31030	M 12:00-3:50	3.83	30
COS 116A / 31031	M 12:00-3:50	3.83	30
COS 116B / 31032	W/F 8-11/12-3:25	6.42	50
COS 116B / 31033	W/F 8-11/12-4:15	7.25	60
COS 116B / 31034	W/F 8-11/12-4:15	7.25	60
COS 117A / 31035	M 8-12:15	4.25	30
COS 117A / 31036	M 8-11:50	3.83	30
COS 117B / 31037	Tu/F 8-11/12-3:25	6.42	50
COS 117B / 31038	Tu/F 8-11/12-3:50	6.83	60
COS 118A / 31039	M 12:30-4:45	4.25	30
COS 118A / 31040	M 12:00-3:50	3.83	30
COS 118B / 31041	W/Th 8-11/12-3:30	6.5	50
COS 118B / 31042	W/Th 8-11/12-2:50	5.83	50
COS 119 / 31043		2	
COS 119 / 31044		2	

ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Cosmetology Department does not keep program of completion or withdrawal files for more than 5 years, so it is each student's responsibility to retain a permanent copy of their proof of training or withdrawal documentation.

The Cosmetology Department will not file completion forms for Cosmetology or Esthetician students prior to the completion of a course. A student must complete the class, session, module and/or semester to receive a college grade and have the California State Board completion forms submitted. You are enrolled in a community college and must follow all college policies and rules. If a student wishes to leave in the middle of a semester, the grade will most likely reflect an "F" on his/her transcripts.

Financial Aid WARNING! – If a student fails to complete any class, session, modules, or semester the student may be required to repay funds allotted for the semester. See the Financial Aid Office for more information.

ATTENDANCE

NO CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN FOR A CLASS IN WHICH A STUDENT IS NOT OFFICIALLY ENROLLED. A student is provided credit for clocked hours, operations and technical starting on the day the student is officially enrolled in the correct course on Roster Plus. Students must attend the first-class meeting, or their names may be removed from the roll to allow another student seeking admission to enter. If a student is unable to attend the first-class meeting, the instructor must be notified.

Students who are not in attendance or late for the first-class meeting will be dropped. Introductory students need to attend their virtual class no later than 8:30am on the first day to remain on the roster.

Students who are absent more than 10% of the total class hours are subject to drop. Certain academic and career technical education areas may have stricter attendance requirements.

It is the responsibility of students to attend classes regularly and apply themselves to the college studies in which they are enrolled. When students have been absent due to illness, they should report to their instructor to explain the absence. Absence for illness, injury or quarantine may permit the making up of work missed, if the work is of such a nature that it can be made up.

See your instructor's syllabus for make-up opportunities, drop policy and for more details.

Running errands, driving or lying-in bed while being logged in to zoom will not be allowed. Student must be prepared in a sitting or standing position to participate during remote lecture and lab.

Students who do not log in to zoom for their final exam will not get the credit for taking the exam. Please note that CIMA will allow you to take it but the grade will not be counted if you do not log into your zoom class. You must always be present in class to receive credit for any assignment unless otherwise stated by your instructor. Please see the class syllabus for more information regarding attendance.

SAFETY DISCLAIMER

The College will not be held accountable for any injuries to themselves or family members while performing practical's with sharp, hot, or any other tools that can cause injury in a virtual environment. When working with chemicals students can only work on models over the age of 18. A PD test must be performed. Please keep all tools and equipment away from minors.

STUDENT CONTRACT

- I agree to be responsible and to return any item(s) or equipment(s) issued to me by the Cerritos College Cosmetology Department. If I DO NOT return the item(s) or equipment(s), I am responsible for replacement cost(s) of the item(s) or equipment(s).

- I understand that the removal of tools, equipment, products, supplies, or anything else from the Cerritos College Cosmetology Department constitutes theft and I will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- I have acknowledged that I, as a Cerritos College student in the Cosmetology Department, will be monitored via video surveillance for safety and security reasons.
- I understand that failure to wear all required personal safety clothing, equipment, safety glasses, or other deemed personal protective equipment (PPE), as required by Cerritos College, the Cosmetology Department or other entity will be grounds for dismissal from the program.
- I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to follow the Cerritos College Cosmetology and Esthetics program Technical Standards. I have been provided a link where I can read the full document on this form <https://www.cerritos.edu/cosmetology/Technical-Standards.htm>
- I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to follow the Cerritos College Cosmetology Department Student Rules and Regulations, Cerritos College Governing Rules, Regulations, and Policies as stated in the class schedule and college catalog. I have been provided a link where I can read the full document on this form <https://www.cerritos.edu/cosmetology/resources-for-continuing-students.htm> and <https://www.cerritos.edu/admissions-and-records/catalogue-schedule/>
- I also understand that Cerritos College has made reasonable efforts to assure the accuracy of the information contained in this document at the time of publication. The college reserves the right to add to, amend, or repeal any of the rules, regulations, policies and procedures, or any other content consistent with applicable regulations and laws.
- I acknowledge that the program is created to provide me with the hours, operations and technicals required to take the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology licensing exam while attending full-time. If I have repeated and excessive absences it will prevent me from succeeding in the program. Details can be found in course syllabi.

By completing the online form, I am certifying that I fully understand and that I will abide by the Cosmetology Department Student Rules and Regulations, Cerritos College and all Governing Rules and Regulations as stated in the class schedule and college catalog.

This page is for the student to reference and kept in their Cerritos College Rules and Regulations packet. The digitally signed copy will be placed in the student's file and kept on record.