

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE COSMETOLOGY FIELD

### Placement, Completion, State Board Licensure (19/20 school year)

The following rates are taken from the latest report filed with NACCAS in October 2019 and include the Cosmetology, Teacher and Nail Technician programs.

- Determination of the completion rate includes all students who officially started school and were scheduled to complete – and – those students that completed the program.
- Determination of the placement rate is based on all students who completed the program and were eligible for employment – and – those students that completed the program and who are employed in the field for which they were trained.
- Determination of the pass/fail rate is based on the percentage of students who passed the state board examination the first time. The PA State Board issued a report showing those who were scheduled to take the state board examination, those who were present to take the examination, and the number of those individuals who passed or failed the examination by section.

Beaver Falls Beauty Academy official results of the study are as follows:

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| Completion Rate: | <u>73.53</u>  |
| Licensure Rate:  | <u>100.00</u> |
| Placement Rate:  | <u>60.00</u>  |

### WAGE AND JOB DEMAND

According to May 2018 figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics the average annual salary in the category of hairdresser, hairstylist, and cosmetologists was \$28,770. The median salary was \$ 24,730 and the middle range was up to \$34,910.

The National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences (NACCAS) reveals that some of the main factors that determine cosmetology career earnings and salary ranges include the size and location of the salon, hours worked, the tipping habits of clients, and competition from other salons and shops. The cosmetologist's ability to bring in and maintain regular clients is another factor in determining many cosmetologists' salaries.

### PHYSICAL DEMANDS OF THE PROFESSION

The physical demands of this profession can vary. For example, occupational injuries can include back, neck, shoulder, and arm strain due to unnatural postures and long periods of standing or sitting. Leg and foot discomfort, varicose veins, swelling of the lower extremities and wrist injuries such as carpal tunnel disease and arthritic joint pain can occur. All students will be instructed in the proper posture and techniques to minimize injuries of all types. Lastly, all students will find that working with patrons involves adapting to many personality types, some of which you may not care for. It can be stressful to remain polite and sincere when your patron or co-worker has a difficult personality. Tact is a requirement, both in school and in the work force, and you must realize that patrons are your priority and the only way that you will make money is by pleasing the patron.

### SAFETY IN THE PROFESSION

Safety in the field is also a major concern to Cosmetologist/Nail Techs. Chemicals are handled by Cosmetologists/Nail Techs and if used properly will not create any concern. All students are taught how to safely handle all chemicals that they encounter. The school forbids any misuse of the chemicals. We also instruct all students on how to handle the sharp implements that are used including scissors, straight razors, cuticle nippers, etc. so that no injuries will occur from misuse. Remember to always ask for help if unsure of a chemical or procedure so that no injuries will occur to you or the patron.

### STATE BOARD LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

The State Board of Cosmetology requires that all students successfully complete the required assignments and hours needed for their course:

- 1250 hours for Cosmetology
- 200 hours for Nail Technician
- 500 hours for Cosmetology Teachers

Once you have completed the school requirements, then you must successfully pass the State Board Licensing Test to legally practice Cosmetology in Pennsylvania. The procedural/theoretical exam is a one-part written test given at a Pearson Vue computer-based testing facility.