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Board of Cosmetology

Esthetics

Esthetics is one of cosmetology's four fields of practice with barbering, hair design and nail technology. Estheticians provide services to keep skin healthy and attractive.

Estheticians use their hands or mechanical or electrical apparatuses or appliances for cleansing, stimulating, manipulating, exfoliating or applying lotions or creams and for the temporary removal of hair, makeup artistry, facial and body wrapping, and facial and body waxing.



Cosmetologists work in a variety of settings, including hair and nail salons, barbershops, day spas, health care facilities, health clubs, resorts, and in collaboration with dermatologists and plastic surgeons.

Qualifications

- **Oregon Career School Training** — Applicants must first pass courses required by the Oregon Department of Education (DOE), Private Career Schools, in the following programs offered by an Oregon licensed career school:
 - * **Esthetics:** 250 hours
 - * **Safety / Infection Control:** 150 hours
 - * **Career Development:** 100 hours

Training may also be obtained through a [competency-based school](#), which may not require the minimum training hours.

- * **Examinations:** Applicants must pass a state-sanctioned practical examination conducted by both hourly-based and competency-based schools and an OHLA-administered written examination.
- **Non-Oregon Career School Applicants** — Applicants credentialed in another state qualify for Oregon certification after passing the **Oregon Laws & Rules** examination. Applicants who have completed school or training in another state or country but who are not yet credentialed must provide documentation for evaluation by OHLA and approval by DOE. Approved applicants are then required to take the Oregon qualifying practical and written examinations.

Authorizing Laws & Rules

This licensing program exists under the regulatory oversight of the **Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA)** and **Board of Cosmetology**. Profession-specific statutes (ORS 690.005-235 and 690.992) and rules (OAR 817, Divisions 005-120) link to OHLA's overarching statutes (ORS 676.600-992) and rules (OAR 331, Divisions 1-30) for all OHLA-regulated professions.

For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/OHLA/COS.