

## NATURE OF WORK

Cosmetologists help people look neat and well-groomed by providing beauty services, such as shampooing, cutting, coloring and styling hair. Their role may also include giving advise to their clients on hair care. With additional training cosmetologists can also give manicures, pedicures, facial and scalp treatments and provide makeup analysis. Some may also work with wigs and hairpieces. Occupations that are related to cosmetology have the potential for international travel with major product companies.

## WORKING CONDITIONS

Usually cosmetologists work 40 hours a week in clean and pleasant surroundings with good lighting and ventilation. Workers are on their feet for most of their shift. Cosmetologists wear protective clothing such as plastic gloves or aprons. This lessens their chance for skin irritation from prolonged exposure to some hair and nail chemicals. Cosmetologists that are self-employed can work long hours or work on a part-time basis, depending on their financial need.

## TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS

All states require cosmetologists to be licensed but, licensure varies state by state. Generally, a person must have a GED or be a high school graduate, have graduated from a state-licensed school and be at least 16 years old. Though different states may have licensure differences some have reciprocity agreements that allow licensed cosmetologists to practice in their state without additional training.

## JOB OUTLOOK

This is a huge industry with over \$53 billion a year spent by consumers. Almost half of the industry is self-employed. Overall the employment of cosmetologists is projected to increase faster than the average due to the fact that many cut both men's and women's hair. A small decrease is expected in department stores as beauty shops become less prevalent in those areas.

### For further information go to:

[www.sanjuacollege.edu/pages/158.asp](http://www.sanjuacollege.edu/pages/158.asp)

[www.bls.gov/oco/ocos332.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos332.htm)

[www.ncacares.org/](http://www.ncacares.org/)

## CAREER OPTIONS

Cosmetologist, Hairstylist, Hairdresser, Barber Stylist.

## ESTIMATED SALARY RANGE

New Mexico — Entry \$15,010; Exp. \$28,680  
Nationally — \$23,140- \$42,460

## RELATED OCCUPATIONS

Electrologist, Skin Care Specialist or Esthetician, Manager Stylist, Nail Technician, Platform Artist, Massage Therapist, Pedicurist, Manicurist, Makeup Artist, Researcher and Educator

## SJC Basic Program Information

The Cosmetology program admits students in the fall and spring terms. Admission requirements:

- Official high school transcript or G.E.D. scores sent to the SJC Office of Admissions.
- Take the Accuplacer through the Counseling Department.
- This is a selective admission program, requiring an admissions interview prior to being accepted into Cosmetology. Call the Cosmetology Department for an appointment at 505-566-4247.

The SJC Cosmetology program and related courses are designed to prepare the student for New Mexico licensure and the entry level skills necessary for full- and part-time employment. This is a non-transfer program.

