



Cosmetology Apprenticeship (50-502-1) Effective 2025/2026

Program Description

Cosmetology is a vibrant career with many employment and career opportunities. Salons, spas, barber shops, and beauty supply companies need professional stylists. A career in cosmetology combines professional techniques with creativity to provide a challenging career with many rewards. The cosmetology apprenticeship program provides the theory training to allow the student to satisfy the Wisconsin state requirements to become a licensed professional.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

1. Summarize safety and sanitation procedures.
2. Summarize the current Wisconsin administrative codes and statutes for cosmetology.
3. Demonstrate interpersonal skills for success.
4. Compare haircutting services.
5. Compare shampoo services.
6. Compare skin care services.
7. Compare texture services.
8. Compare hair color services.
9. Compare hair styling and finishing techniques.
10. Compare nail services.
11. Develop strategies to market products and services.

Essential Career Competencies

Gateway's six essential career competencies are the general attitudes and skills promoted and assessed by all programs. All Gateway graduates will develop skills in:

- Communication
- Professionalism and Career Management
- Cultural Competence
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Technology Competence

Get Started as a Barber Apprentice

1. To begin identifying or planning your apprenticeship, contact the local Apprenticeship Training Representative at 414.216.8417
2. If an employer wishes to hire you, they will submit an [apprenticeship application](#) to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD). If the DWD determines that you meet the Bureau of Apprentices Standards qualifications, you will be given a credential notice.
3. You and your employer will submit the credential notice, the Apprentice Application (Form #1488) and fee (\$10.00) to the Department of Safety and Professional Services, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935.
4. The Department of Safety and Professional Services will issue the apprentice permit after the application is approved. You may begin to work after your permit is issued. Your permit will be valid for three (3) years.
5. Once your permit is in place, Gateway's Apprenticeship department will communicate with you regarding registration, classes and books.

Graduation Requirements

- *Minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for all required courses.
- Meet minimum hourly paid related instruction requirements per WI Registered Apprenticeship Contract.

Notes

1. You must be in good physical health and able to stand for long periods of time, possess finger dexterity, a sense of form and artistry and be able to work well with the public.
2. Entry requirements vary by employer. High school diploma or equivalent is recommended.
3. Applicants apply directly to a licensed, full service salon. The salon must be in business for at least one year.
4. Students must complete all courses with a grade of "C" or better.

Gateway Technical College reserves the right to modify curriculum requirements for students who interrupt enrollment for one year or take over seven years to complete. Tuition and material fees are determined by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Consult My Gateway for exact fee amounts. The District reserves the right to modify, cancel, or relocate course offerings in response to factors such as low enrollment, resource availability, or other relevant considerations to ensure high-quality educational experiences. Students will be notified in writing and are encouraged to meet with their Academic Advisor to adjust their academic plan.



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The course sequence shown on this sheet is the recommended path to completion. Courses will be scheduled in the terms indicated here.
Taking courses in the order shown will help you stay on track and graduate according to your academic plan.
Courses in this program may be offered in a variety or combination of formats (for example: in-person, video conferencing, online, etc.).

Pathway to Success

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Hours
*502-518	Haircutting for Cosmetology Apprentice	1.00	36
*502-519	Hairstyling for Cosmetology Apprentice	1.00	36
*502-522	COS Professional Development	.50	12
*502-523	Salon Ecology for Cosmetology App	.50	15
*502-524	Trichology for Cosmetology App	.50	15
*502-525	Shampoo/Haircare for Cosmetology App	.50	12
*502-543	Permanent Waving for Cosmetology App	.75	24
*502-544	Chemical Relaxing for Cosmetology App	.50	12
*502-545	Haircolor/Hair Lightening for Cos App	1.00	36
*502-547	Facial/Makeup/Skin Disorders for Cos	1.00	36
*502-548	Manicure/Pedicureil/Artif Nails for Cos	1.00	36
*502-587	Barbering Codes	.25	9
*502-588	Barbering Laws	.25	9

Training at a Glance

- Time to complete – Approximately 2 years
- On the job time – 3712 Hours
- Related Instruction Time – 288 Hours
- Additional training – Apprentice permit from the WI Department of Safety and Professional Services, Transition to Trainer
Consult the Wisconsin Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards website for more information at <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/apprenticeship/occupations/cosmo.htm>

NOTES

- Apprenticeship textbooks are obtained through an offsite vendor.
- Contact Pivot Point International representative, Matt Kyle, at mkyle@pivot-point.com or call 847-866-0500, Ext. 7372 for more information.
- Black scrubs are required for this apprenticeship program. If you have any questions, please contact the Apprenticeship Department.

If you need assistance getting started
Gateway's Apprenticeship Department is happy to help.

QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT:

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Apprenticeship Department
262-564-2954

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Notes associated with courses (identified by a superscript number at the end of the course title) are located on the front of the sheet.
(*) indicates students must achieve a minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses to meet graduation requirements.