



## Cosmetology Program Information

Thank you for your interest in the Cosmetology Program at Meridian Technology Center! This program is designed for students who intend to pursue a career in Cosmetology.

Cosmetology is one of the most popular career majors for high school students. Each year, we have more students apply than we have room available. Less than half of those who apply are accepted. If you are not accepted, you are encouraged to apply again in the future!

Admission criteria is based on a point system. Points are earned for attendance, GPA, achievement test scores, career plans, career interest inventory results, grade level, work/hobby experience in the field, and recommendations.

The most important aspect of this program is attendance. The State Board of Cosmetology requires 1,000 clock hours in order to be licensed. Students must earn 500 hours per year to remain eligible for the program. This means that students can have no more than four absences per semester. Being tardy or leaving early will also affect your hours. For the State Board of Cosmetology, there are no excused absences. Students cannot earn hours unless they are in uniform.

There are costs associated with this program that must be paid by the student. *These costs are estimates and are subject to change.*

- Cosmetology Kit, mannequins, uniform, shoes                      \$525 for Year 1; \$270 for Year 2
- OSBCB registration fee    \$10
- Licensing tests fees    \$50

A \$200 deposit towards the cost of the Cosmetology Kit is due at the end of May. The remainder of (except the \$10 OSBCB registration fee) is due on or before the first day of class and is not refundable if you drop the program or if you are dropped for poor attendance.

You will be notified by the middle of April whether you have been Accepted, put on the Waiting List, or Not Accepted. If you are accepted, you will receive a letter outlining the next steps in the process. Failure to complete those steps within the timeline given will result in being dropped from the program. Please let Meridian Technology Center know immediately if you decide not to attend so your spot can be given to someone on the Waiting List.

We look forward to helping you pursue your career dreams in Cosmetology!