

Cosmetology Technical Standards

for Wake Technical Community College Programs
at Vernon Malone College and Career Academy

A student wishing to enroll in the Cosmetology & Esthetics Technology curriculum must meet the following standards:

Communication:

- Be able to communicate effectively and professionally when interacting with peers, faculty, staff, and guests using the English language verbally and in written form.
- Be able to follow verbal and written instructions

Physical Strength and Stamina:

- Be able to lift and move stock and supplies up to 30 pounds.
- Stand and move about for up to eight hours.
- Complete cleaning responsibilities requiring stooping, bending and climbing.
- Use a hand-held fire extinguisher.

Mobility and Motor Skills:

- Must be able to work with hands.
- Move freely, quickly, and safely in a close environment.
- Work in coordination with other students.
- Safely manipulate small equipment and equipment controls.
- Safely pour and measure liquids including chemicals.
- Safely handle chemicals
- Perform repetitive tasks required in a cosmetology salon.

Sensory:

- Hear voice instructions in a noisy environment.
- Hear equipment alarms.
- Read printed and written instructions and labels.
- Feel hair, skin, nail texture.
- Must not be allergic to petroleum products.
- Must not be allergic to Sodium Hydroxide, Ammonium Thioglycolate, Hydrogen Peroxide, and other miscellaneous cosmetology/esthetics products.
- Must not have a fear of getting clothes or hands dirty.
- Specific vision abilities required by a job in the Cosmetology/Esthetics Technology include close vision, color vision, ability to adjust focus.

Interpersonal and Emotional:

- Work cooperatively with other students and instructors.
- Complete an equitable share of salon duties.
- Follow directions of instructors and fellow students.
- Remain calm in a stressful environment.
- Display characteristics of emotional stability.
- Self-manage medical and emotional conditions.