

Cosmetology

Honolulu Community Cosmetology (COSM) curriculum is designed to prepare students for the State Board of Cosmetology Examination. The COSM program complies with the rules and regulations of the Board of Cosmetology. Training is conducted first through lectures and demonstrations and then through actual work in a salon atmosphere. Students receive a minimum of 1800 hours of lecture and clinical experience. Students who resume COSM courses after a lapse of three years or more shall not receive credit for previous course work.

Program Entry Requirements

General Requirements:

High School diploma or its equivalent

English Requirements:

Completion of ENG 20 BCD
OR
COMPASS* placement into ENG 22/60

Math Requirements:

Math 20 BCD
OR
COMPASS* placement into Math 24

*UH Community College System placement test

Recommendation

Highly recommended that program participants are not prone to skin conditions such as psoriasis, dermatitis, or other chronic skin diseases

Costs (not including tuition)

Books, uniform, and cosmetology kit: approximately \$1000

Our program technical standards have been developed to help students understand the minimum essential mental, physical, and behavioral skills necessary for participation in and completion of all core aspects of our curriculum.

As a COSM student, you will be expected to do the following:

General: Use scientific and cosmetic concepts and theories to perform salon work safely and appropriately.

Specific: Read and apply information from lectures, textbooks, and handouts. Follow Hawaii State Cosmetology Board Rules and Regulations. Apply basics of hygiene, sanitation and safety in personal practices. Apply basics of bacteriology, sterilization, and disinfection in salon practices. Apply fundamentals of hair, skin and nail structure, and chemistry. Detect and handle skin disorders safely and correctly. Analyze product ingredients for proper uses. Measure and calculate correct amounts of products. Analyze hair and skin and prescribe appropriate services and products. Apply color theory to achieve desired effect.

Program Technical Standards



COSM students study with handouts and textbooks.



COSM student measures the correct amounts of products.

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COSM student applies a facial treatment.



Sensory/
Observation
skills

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- General:** Use sensory cues to assess clients' needs, treatments, and services.
- Specific:** Examine hair and skin prior to contact for evidence of disorders.
 Detect slight differences in color or form.
 Apply make-up, treatments, or hair removal techniques to clients' faces.
 Observe and replicate teacher-demonstrated procedures and techniques.

Motor
skills

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- General:** Possess sufficient mobility and dexterity to do precise and aesthetically pleasing work.
- Specific:** Operate salon tools, equipment, and materials safely.
 Use proper salon techniques.
 Position and maneuver while servicing salon clients.
 Work at varying levels.
 Perform chemical treatments from start to finish within prescribed time constraints for safety purposes.
 Lift and transport materials and equipment as necessary.



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COSM student performs a chemical treatment according to safety procedures.

Communication
skills

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- General:** Communicate effectively with clients and co-workers to gather and convey information.
- Specific:** Obtain necessary information from oral and written sources.
 Express information coherently.
 Document work accurately.

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COSM student conducts a client consultation to decide on a hair style.



Behavioral
skills

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- General:** Behave appropriately in both self-directed and shared learning environments.
- Specific:** Work independently with minimal supervision.
 Work cooperatively with partners and groups.
 Follow through with responsibilities.
 Work diligently and put in necessary time to complete tasks.
 Persist on difficult tasks.
 Exercise good judgement.

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2 COSM student determines desired hair color using color swatches.



6 COSM student works with electrical equipment in the facial salon.



General: Function safely in a salon environment.

Specific: Work for prolonged periods amidst:

- Sharp tools
- Electrical equipment
- Chemicals and toxins
- Dust, heat, fumes, and odors

For More Information

If you are interested in our program, we encourage you to meet with our COSM counselor (phone: 845-9129) and refer to the information at <http://tech.honolulu.hawaii.edu/cosm/index.html> to decide whether the COSM program is right for you.

Please keep in mind that you will have to fulfill additional requirements to be eligible for certification exams or licensure in the field. For more information go to http://www.beautyschoolsdirectory.com/faq/license_hi.php

Disability Accommodations

We have developed our technical standards in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. We will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified students with disabilities. If you are interested in our program, we encourage you to review the program technical standards and course information at <http://tech.honolulu.hawaii.edu/cosm/index.html> to decide whether the COSM program is right for you.

If you have questions about the COSM program, please call the HCC Counseling Office at 845-9129. Individuals with hearing impairments may call 845-9270 (v/t) or use the Telecommunication Relay Service at 1-877-447-5990.

If you have questions about disability access and accommodations, please direct them to HCC's Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 845-9282 (v/t), 845-9272 (v/t), or e-mail access@hcc.hawaii.edu. SSD will be happy to meet with you, evaluate your disability documentation, and, as appropriate, recommend reasonable accommodations consistent with your documented limitations and the technical standards of the program. We will keep your disability information confidential within the parameters of the accommodation process.