

COSMETOLOGY OPERATOR, LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE



Shape Your Future in the Beauty Industry

The San Jacinto College Cosmetology Operator program readies you for a dynamic and creative career in cosmetology. You will master essential skills—from hair design, color, cutting, and styling to skin care, nails, lash extensions, and more—while developing knowledge of safety, sanitation, and client care. This intensive 1,000-hour training program meets the requirements to sit for the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) Cosmetology Operator exam. Graduates are well prepared for entry-level roles in salons, spas, or to launch their own business.

Career Opportunities and Income

Visit [sanjac.edu](https://www.sanjac.edu) (<https://www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/public-services/cosmetology/>) for information regarding career opportunities and potential earnings in the Greater Houston region.

Job Entry Requirements. The College informs all students in this program who may have a criminal background that a criminal history could keep graduates from being licensed by the state of Texas. Students with any questions about their background and licensure may speak with the program's department chair. This is in accordance with Texas House Bill 1508 (<https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/85R/billtext/html/HB01508E.htm>) amendments to Texas Occupations Code Sec 53.152 (<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/docs/oc/htm/oc.53.htm#53152>).

Learning & Career Pathway

This learning pathway - a series of related and "stacked" certificates and degrees - includes the following awards. You can start at any point on the path and earn certificates on your way to completing the degree.

- Cosmetology Operator, Level 2 Certificate (p. 1) (2 years)
- Cosmetology Operator, Associate of Applied Science (<https://publications.sanjac.edu/areas-study/public-safety-human-consumer-services/cosmetology-operator-aas/>) (2 years)

Learning Outcomes and Career Skills

A student completing the last award in the pathway will be able to:

- Demonstrate and apply TDLR and industry mandated safety and sanitation procedures for employment.
- Analyze, design, blueprint, and execute to produce various industry haircutting and styling techniques.
- Analyze technical procedures and construct to specifications, such as hair color, manicures, pedicures, services related to esthetics, or other client services in a timely manner.

- Prepare and practice the skills necessary for the state written and practical exam for entry into the workplace.
- Implement salon management skills and exhibit professional behavior in a salon environment, including teamwork, as it relates to the salon industry.
- Perform chemical texturizing services following industry standards.

Licensure or Certification

The Cosmetology Operator Certificate of Technology is a course of study designed to meet the needs of those students who desire to enter the beauty industry in a minimum amount of time. The program will provide the student with the technical background and experience necessary to develop the skills and theoretical knowledge required to pass the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations Examination for licensing and to gain entry-level employment in professional salons. Full-time students can earn the Certificate of Technology in one year. All key aspects of the cosmetology profession are addressed.

For more information about requirements, students may visit the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/barbering-and-cosmetology/>).

Locations

- North (<https://www.sanjac.edu/about/locations/north/>)
- South (<https://www.sanjac.edu/about/locations/south/>)

College Admission

San Jacinto College is an open admission institution. All students are welcome to apply and will be admitted to the College. You may begin the process on the College's "How to Apply (<https://www.sanjac.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/>)" webpage.

Program Admission

There are no additional admission requirements for the Cosmetology Operator program; you only need to complete your application to the College, as noted in "College Admission" above, and follow the enrollment steps.

Plan of Study

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First Year

| First Term | | Credits |
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| CSME 1410 | Introduction to Haircutting and Related Theory | 4 |
| CSME 1354 | Artistry of Hair Design I | 3 |
| CSME 1405 | Fundamentals of Cosmetology | 4 |
| CSME 2401 | Principles of Hair Coloring and Related Theory | 4 |
| Credits | | 15 |

Second Term

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| CSME 1244 | Introduction to Salon Development | 2 |
| CSME 2439 | Advanced Hair Design | 4 |
| CSME 2350 | Preparation for the State Licensing Written Examination | 3 |
| CSME 2351 | Preparation for the State Licensing Practical Examination | 3 |

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| CSME 2337 | Advanced Cosmetology Techniques | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Summer Year One Term | | |
| CSME 1355 or CSME 1208 | Artistry of Hair Design II or Principles of Eyelash Extensions | 3 |
| CSME 2410 or CSME 1507 | Advanced Haircutting and Related Theory or Orientation to Eyelash Extensions | 4 |
| CSME 2443 or CSME 1464 | Salon Development or Practicum (or Field Experience) | 4 |
| CSME 1452 or CSME 1409 | Orientation to Hairweaving/Braiding or Application of Eyelash Extensions | 4 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Total Credits | | 45 |

Capstone Experience: CSME 2351 Preparation for the State Licensing Practical Examination