

## Cosmetologist Apprentice (50-502-1) Effective 2026/2027

### 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:

- 1 Communication Competence
- 2 Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- 3 Professionalism and Career Management
- 4 Teamwork and Collaboration
- 5 Cultural Competence
- 6 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 Apprentice 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 Students must be physically capable of performing the activities of the job, including equipment/tool use, for course grading.
- 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.
- 5 Textbook supplies and personal protective equipment requirements and sources will be provided by your instructor as well as outlined in the syllabus.
- 6 Virtual instruction will require the students to participate with the computer camera and microphones on when requested by the instructor.

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.

All courses should be taken in the order shown to 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.).

More detailed scheduling information for this program can be found at <https://www.gtc.edu/cosmetologist-apprentice>.

Please see your academic advisor for additional information.

Term	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Hours
1	*502-750	Haircutting for Cosmetologists	.75	24
1	*502-751	Cosmetology Laws and Rules	.75	20
1	*502-752	Professional Development for Cosmetologists	.50	10
1	*502-753	Cosmetology Salon Ecology	.75	20
2	*502-754	Hairstyling and Design for Cosmetologists	1	32
2	*502-755	Cosmetology Hair and Scalp Care	.50	16
2	*502-756	Trichology for Cosmetology	.50	18
3	*502-757	Hair Coloring for Cosmetologists	1	32
3	*502-758	Chemical Texturizing for Cosmetologists	1	30
3	*502-759	Cosmetology Salon Industry Business Operations	.25	8
4	*502-760	Histology of the Skin for Cosmetology	.50	16
4	*502-761	Cosmetology Skin Care Services	1	30
4	*502-762	Manicuring, Pedicuring, and Artificial Nails	.50	16
4	*502-763	Nail Structure and Related Disorders	.50	16
5	*455-455	Transition to Trainer: Your Role as a Skilled Worker Trainer	.20	8

(\*) Students must achieve a minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for this major course to meet graduation requirements.

### 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](mailto: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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