

Barbering Apprentices (50-502-5) Effective 2026/2027

Program Description

Barbers focus on providing hair and shaving services to enhance clients' appearance. Those who operate their own barbering establishments may have managerial duties that include: hiring and supervising employees; keeping business records; maintaining licenses, permits and insurance; controlling inventory and ordering supplies, and developing marketing plans. Barbers cut, trim, shampoo, and style hair, mostly for male clients. They also may fit hairpieces and offer facial shaving. In every state, barbers are licensed to color, bleach, and highlight hair and to offer permanent-wave services. Common tools include combs, scissors, razors, and clippers. "Barbering" means, for compensation, arranging, styling, dressing, shampooing, cleansing, curling, dyeing, tinting, coloring, bleaching, waving, cutting, shaving, trimming, relaxing, or performing similar work upon the hair of the head, neck, or face of any person by any means.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

- 1 Apply safety and infection control procedures.
- 2 Identify hair and scalp disorders.
- 3 Perform haircutting services.
- 4 Demonstrate shaving and other facial hair removal techniques.
- 5 Perform male facial procedures.
- 6 Perform texture services.
- 7 Perform hair color services.
- 8 Demonstrate hair styling and finishing techniques.
- 9 Adhere to the current Wisconsin administrative codes and statutes for barbers.
- 10 Demonstrate interpersonal skills for success.

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 Apprentices 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 You must be in good physical health and able to stand for long periods of time, possess finger dexterity, a sense of form and artistry and be able to work well with the public.
- 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/barber-apprentice>.

Please see your academic advisor for additional information.

Term	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Hours
1	*502-596	Shampooing, Trichology & Hairstyling for Barber Apprenticeship	2	72
2	*502-597	Barber Professional Development, Skin Disorders, Shaving and Male Facials, and Hair Cutting for Barber Apprenticeship	2	72
3	*502-598	Barber Laws, Infection Control, and Chemical Texture Services for Barber Apprenticeship	2	72
4	*502-599	Hair Color, Lightening, Interpersonal Skills and State Codes for Barber Apprenticeship	2	72

(*) 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 1 year
- On the job time – 1712 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/barber.htm>

NOTES

- Apprenticeship textbooks are obtained through an offsite vendor.
- Contact Pivot Point International representative, Matt Kyle, at 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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