



Cosmetology (31-502-1)

Technical Diploma
Effective 2026/2027

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/cosmetology>. Please see your academic advisor for additional information.

B-D = Burlington/days, R-D = Racine/days, F=Fall, S=Spring, SU=Summer

| Term | Course Number | Credits | Course Title | Requisites (prereq- before/ coreq-with) | Notes | B-D | R-D |
|------|---------------|---------|---------------------------------------|--|--|------|------|
| 1 | *502-312 | 1 | Intro to Barber/Cosmetology | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | F/S | F/S |
| 1 | *502-301 | 1 | Shampoo Treatment | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | • Faculty have identified this milestone course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program. | F/S | F/S |
| 1 | *502-324 | 2 | Barber/Cosmetology Industry | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | | |
| 1 | *502-366 | 2 | Women's Haircutting | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | • Faculty have identified this milestone course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program. | F/S | F/S |
| 1 | *502-352 | 2 | Men's Haircutting | Prereq: 502-366 | | | |
| 1 | *502-353 | 2 | Perm Techniques | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | F/S | F/S |
| 1 | *502-345 | 2 | Basic Hair Color | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | F/S | F/S |
| 1 | *502-349 | 2 | Facials | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | F/S | F/S |
| 1 | *502-350 | 2 | Hair Design 1 | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | F/S | F/S |
| 2 | *502-372 | 2 | Basic Manicuring | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | S/SU | S/SU |
| 2 | *502-348 | 2 | Chemical Straightening | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent; 502-353 | | S/SU | S/SU |
| 2 | *502-347 | 2 | Bleaching | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent; 502-345 | | S/SU | S/SU |
| 2 | *502-351 | 2 | Hair Design 2 | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | S/SU | S/SU |
| 2 | *502-354 | 1 | Salon Service 1 Facial Skin Care | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | S/SU | S/SU |
| 2 | *502-355 | 1 | Salon Service 2 Nail Skills | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | S/SU | S/SU |
| 2 | *502-356 | 1 | Salon Service 3 Long Hair Design | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | S/SU | S/SU |
| 2 | *502-367 | 1 | Salon Service 4 Women's Haircutting | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | S/SU | S/SU |
| 2 | *502-308 | 1 | Salon Service 5 Perming | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | S/SU | S/SU |
| 2 | *502-309 | 1 | Salon Service 6 Men's Haircutting | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | S/SU | S/SU |
| 3 | *502-373 | 2 | Salon Service 7 Hair Color | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | SU/F | SU/F |
| 3 | *502-374 | 2 | Salon Service 8 Hairstyling | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | SU/F | SU/F |
| 3 | *502-375 | 2 | Salon Service 9 Chemical Relaxing | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | SU/F | SU/F |
| 3 | *502-376 | 2 | Salon Service 10 Interpersonal Skills | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | SU/F | SU/F |
| 3 | *502-364 | 1 | Salon Service 11 Bleaching | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | SU/F | SU/F |
| 3 | *502-365 | 1 | Salon Service 12 Shampoo | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | SU/F | SU/F |
| 3 | *502-377 | 2 | Mock Board Theory | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | SU/F | SU/F |
| 3 | *502-370 | 2 | Mock Board Skills | Prereq: Advisor OR Instructor Consent | | SU/F | SU/F |

Minimum Program Total Credits Required: 44

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

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Exciting careers are open to the licensed, experienced Cosmetologists. In addition to salon ownership, salon management, and specialization of a service, one can choose from positions in sales, advertising, research, education, and makeup artistry. The possibilities are unlimited and so is the income potential. Students receive instruction in Cosmetology skills such as hair designing, haircutting, hair coloring, permanent waving, and manicuring. Classes in makeup artistry, sculptured nails, color analysis, and salon management are also included.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

- 1 Perform shampoo, haircut, and style services.
- 2 Perform skin care services.
- 3 Perform chemical services.
- 4 Perform nail services.
- 5 Develop business practices for industry 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

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.

Admission Requirements

- 1 Students must submit an application and pay \$30 fee.
- 2 Students must meet one of the following to indicate reading readiness for the program: minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.6 (unweighted); earned at least 12 college credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0; or submit proof of minimum test scores (15 ACT Reading; 19 SAT Reading, 237 Accuplacer Reading).
- 3 Students must view the Information Video online and submit the corresponding electronic form verifying understanding of information presented.
- 4 Review the technical standards for this program at www.gtc.edu/forms. An acknowledgement of these standards will be completed within the online application.

Graduation Requirements

- 1 Minimum 44 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
- 2 *Minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses.

For a complete list of Graduation Requirements, check the Student Handbook or [Graduation Requirements](#).

Notes

- 1 This is a high demand program with limited openings.
- 2 Supplies and materials are required for this program. All kits, books, workbooks, Milady CIMA Online Student Learning, and the required uniform smock must be purchased prior to beginning the first day of the program from the campus bookstore. Full black scrubs are also required and must be purchased independently prior to the beginning of the program.
- 3 Students must be 18 years of age or a high school graduate to take the state licensure exam.
- 4 Students must complete both 502-337 Manicure/Nail Technician I and 502-338 Manicure/Nail Technician II to be eligible to take the Wisconsin Manicurist/Nail Technician license exam.
- 5 Students must complete all classroom portions of a course except 502-312 or 502-324 before beginning any of the Salon Services or Mock Board courses.
- 6 These courses require the following prerequisites: 502-301; 502-345; 502-320; 502-347; 502-348; 502-349; 502-350; 502-351; 502-352; 502-353; and 502-366.
- 7 Prospective students should apply to the program to be assigned an advisor, who will provide consent to enroll in 502 program courses.