

FUNCTIONAL ABILITIES FOR THE TECHNICAL DIPLOMA BARBER/COSMETOLOGY PROGRAM

Functional Ability Categories and Representative Activities/Attributes For the Technical Diploma Barber/Cosmetology Program

The Federal American with Disabilities Act (ADA) bans discrimination of persons with disabilities. In keeping with this law, Gateway Technical College makes every effort to ensure quality education for all students. However, we feel obliged to inform students of the functional abilities demanded by a particular occupation.

Personality Traits

- Desire to work with people of all ages
- Flexible
- Confident
- Strong Work ethic (attendance is critical to state regulated 1800 hr)
- Ability to work in an Individual or team environment

Communication Skills

- Complete college level speech course
- Effectively communicate with colleagues, clients, and students
- Listen attentively to others

Interpersonal skills

- Respect/value differences in others
- Demonstrate problem solving and conflict resolution skills

Critical Thinking

- Sequence information
- Make decisions independently
- Adapt decisions based on new information
- Ability to work without supervision in a team setting
- Ability to comprehend and demonstrate industry safety standards

Gross Motor Skills

- Have mobility to move with ease and speed if necessary
- Stand for long periods of time with hands above shoulders
- Bend/twist/stoop

Fine Motor Skills

- Pick up objects with hands
- Comb hair and section/partings vertical partings, horizontal partings and diagonal partings
- Maintain balance in multiple positions
- Cut effectively using shears, razor, clipper

Visual

- See objects up to 20 inches away
- See objects up to 6 feet away
- Use hand eye coordination
- Distinguish colors

Environment

- Tolerate exposure to allergens (chemicals, cleaning agents)
- Tolerate noisy environment

Emotional Stability

- Adapt to changing environments/stress
- Deal with the unexpected
- Focus attention on task
- Multitask as needed
- Cope with strong emotions of others
- Accept responsibility for own actions/job functions

Academic Abilities

- Read and comprehend at a 10th grade level