

COSMETOLOGY/BARBERING

Full Year, Every day



Utah CTE Pathway: Personal Care Services

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CTEC Cosmetology/Barbering is the only high school cosmetology/barbering program in Utah where a student can earn a professional cosmetology license at the time of their high school graduation. *

- *The student who attends the program for **2 years**, including summer sessions, has the ability to complete the state licensing requirements to be a licensed cosmetologist/barber.
- The student who attends the program for **1 year** is able to transfer their clock hours and services to a cosmetology/barber program of their choice after high school graduation.
- By successfully completing the **2 year** course sequence, students **may** have the opportunity to earn up to 44 college credits from USU. These credits could count towards the cosmetology program at USU-Eastern or as lower-division elective credits. ****NOTE: Our concurrent enrollment partner USU may be moving away from offering the concurrent enrollment credits. This has yet to be determined.
- Those seeking a Cosmetology Degree may attend the USU-Eastern campus to fulfill the USU-Eastern cosmetology/barber course curriculum.
- Upon the student's completion of the state license requirements, the student will be able to apply for a Utah Cosmetology/Barber Professional License.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Cosmetology/Barbering is the art and science of beautifying and improving the hair, skin and nails. The students earn required hours and prepare to pass both the Utah written and practical examinations required to obtain a Utah Department of Professional Licensing Cosmetology/Barber License. Students receive this preparation while practicing in an actual salon experience through the program's public salon facilities and its clientele. Students are also prepared in theory classes. Students have the opportunity to study and practice hair styling, cutting, coloring, chemical texturizing, nail care, skin care, chemistry, and anatomy - all with an emphasis on safety, sanitation and professionalism. Students will be expected to take on the role of a cosmetologist and client during this program.



Additional Classes Available: To provide the student with the opportunity to earn additional clock hours, the student has the option after their first semester to attend 2 evening sessions a week in addition to the school day session. A summer session is also available to the students to earn additional clock hours and CTE credit.

High School Credit: CTE credit or elective credit: up to 4.5 credits total each year

Concurrent Credit: 44 technical/elective college credits. Available. Student is required to register and pay for concurrent enrollment classes with USU. For more information on these classes, see Appendix.

Additional Opportunities: Students may experience youth leadership and service through SkillsUSA.

Industry Certification: Students will work toward the State of Utah DOPL: Utah Cosmetology Licensing Exams.

Recommended: Good eye-hand coordination, artistic color and design principles, basic geometric design, logical reasoning, basic math, and customer service skills.

Requirements: A parent is required to attend the orientation meeting.

A 2.0 GPA is required by USU at the time of the student's CTEC application submission.

Costs/Fees for the 2026-2027 school year: Pending school board approval.

Career Possibilities:

Licensed Cosmetologist/Barber
Hair Stylist
Nail Technician

Basic Esthetician (skin care)
Make-up Artist
Salon Manager

Salon owner
Platform Artist
Professional Educator



"I've been passionate about becoming a Cosmetologist since age 3. With careful planning, 2 summers, 2 school years, and night classes, I graduated high school as a Licensed Cosmetologist and Barber. I saved time and money by taking advantage of the concurrent classes offered at CTEC during high school. CTEC provided me with amazing instructors that helped me hone my talents, leadership, and business skills. At the same time, they supported my goal of giving community service to better the lives of others. CTEC wants everyone in the program to thrive, not just survive. At age 18, I'm a Cosmetologist, enjoying my career, and will graduate from USU-E this Dec with my Applied Associate of Science Cosmetology Degree. After that I will advance towards a Business Degree". Stephanie Jencks

