

Esthetics

Esthetics is one of cosmetology's five fields of practice with barbering, hair design, nail technology and natural hair care. Estheticians provide services to keep skin healthy and attractive.

Estheticians use their hands or mechanical or electrical apparatuses or appliances for cleansing, stimulating, manipulating, exfoliating or applying lotions or creams and for the temporary removal of hair, makeup artistry, facial and body wrapping, and facial and body waxing.

Cosmetologists work in a variety of settings, including hair and nail salons, barbershops, day spas, health care facilities, health clubs, resorts, and in collaboration with dermatologists and plastic surgeons.



Qualifications

- **Oregon Career School Training** — Applicants must first pass courses required by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Private Career Schools (PCS) office, in the following programs offered by an Oregon licensed career school:

- * **Esthetics:** 250 hours
- * **Safety / Infection Control:** 150 hours
- * **Career Development:** 100 hours

Training may also be obtained through a [competency-based school](#), which may not require the minimum training hours.

- * **Examinations:** Applicants must pass a state-sanctioned practical examination conducted by both hourly-based and competency-based schools and a Health Licensing Office (HLO) administered written examination.

Authorizing Laws & Rules

This licensing program exists under the regulatory oversight of the **Health Licensing Office (HLO)** and **Board of Cosmetology**.

Profession-specific statutes (ORS 690.005-235 and 690.992) and rules (OAR 817, Divisions 005-120) link to HLO's overarching statutes (ORS 676.575-625 and 676.992) and rules (OAR 331, Divisions 1-30) for all HLO regulated professions.

For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/OHLA/COS.