

Natural Hair Care

Natural hair care practitioners provide the services of braiding, cornrowing, extending, lacing, locking, sewing, twisting, weaving or wrapping of human hair, natural fibers, synthetic fibers or hair extensions through the use of hands or simple devices such as clips, combs, hairpins or needle and thread. Natural hair care also includes the making of customized wigs from natural hair, natural fibers, synthetic fibers or hair extensions.

Natural hair care does not include the use of scissors except to trim synthetic fibers, hair extensions or sewn-in weave extensions as is necessary to provide the services described in the paragraph above.

Natural hair care also does not include the use of penetrating chemical hair treatments, chemical hair coloring agents, chemical hair straightening agents, chemical hair joining agents, permanent wave styles or chemical hair bleaching agents.

As with other cosmetology fields of practice, natural hair care practitioners may work in a variety of settings, including hair and nail salons, barbershops, day spas, health care facilities, health clubs, and resorts.

Persons who hold a current Oregon certification to practice barbering or hair design may practice natural hair care without obtaining a natural hair care certification.

Qualifications

- **Informational Training Modules** — Applicants must submit proof of having successfully completed the informational training modules regarding natural hair care available on the Health Licensing Office (HLO) web site prior to making application for written examination.
 - * **Examination:** Applicants must pass a Board approved written examination administered by the Health Licensing Office (HLO).

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.