

Nail Technology

Nail technology is one of cosmetology's five fields of practice with barbering, esthetics, hair design and natural hair care.

Nail technicians cut, trim, clean, polish, color or tint the natural nails on hands and feet and massage, cleanse, treat and beautify the hands, arms (below the elbow) and legs (below the knee).

They also apply, sculpt and remove artificial nails.

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:

- * **Nail Technology:** 350 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 the HLO's overarching statutes (ORS 676.575-625 and 676.992) and rules (OAR 331, Divisions 1-30) for all the HLO regulated professions.