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A Career in:

COSMETOLOGY

Cosmetologists perform personal services for clients including hair styling, cutting, straightening, permanent waving, coloring, bleaching, etc... A cosmetologist may also do nail services such as nail extensions, manicures, and pedicures. As a cosmetologist you will be licensed to work in the field of aesthetics as well. The opportunities are virtually unlimited. Employers look for prospective employees who are self-starters, enthusiastic, well-groomed and professional in appearance, display ability to maintain professional relationships with clients and co-workers, are dependable and responsible, follow salon policies and procedures, have a good attendance record, and embrace a "team player" attitude.

INSTRUCTOR

All schools must have a licensed Instructor to teach them all phases of cosmetology. As an Instructor you will have opportunities to work with hair, skin, and nails, plus you are qualified to teach any or all courses. You may work in private or public schools. Also, some of the larger companies require their educators to be licensed as an instructor. Employers look for prospective employees who are self-starters, enthusiastic, well-groomed and professional in appearance, display ability to maintain professional relationships with clients and co-workers, are dependable and responsible, follow salon policies and procedures, have a good attendance record, and embrace a "team player" attitude.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Generally, Cosmetologists and Instructors work in clean and pleasant surroundings with good lighting and ventilation. Good health and stamina are important to the licensee due to being on their feet a great deal of time. Prolonged exposure to some of the nail and hair chemicals may be hazardous and may cause irritation to the skin and lungs. Precautions, such as wearing gloves and a mask to filter dust and fumes, may be taken. A full-time licensee may work more than 40 hours a week, including evenings and weekends. Since weekends and lunch periods are generally very busy, lunches and off days are taken during down time.

SOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Arkansas Department of Health Cosmetology Section 4815 West Markham, Slot 8 Little Rock, AR 72205