



Cosmetology Program Information

Thank you for your interest in the Cosmetology Program at Meridian Technology Center! This program is designed for students who intend to pursue a career in Cosmetology.

Cosmetology is one of the most popular career majors for high school students. Each year, we have more students apply than we have room available. Less than half of those who apply are accepted. If you are not accepted, you are encouraged to apply again in the future!

Admission criteria is based on a point system. Points are earned for attendance, GPA, achievement test scores, career plans, career interest inventory results, grade level, work/hobby experience in the field, and recommendations.

The most important aspect of this program is attendance. The State Board of Cosmetology requires 1,000 clock hours in order to be licensed. Students must earn 500 hours per year to remain eligible for the program. This means that students can have no more than four absences per semester. Being tardy or leaving early will also affect your hours. For the State Board of Cosmetology, there are no excused absences. Students cannot earn hours unless they are in uniform.

There are costs associated with this program that must be paid by the student. *These costs are estimates and are subject to change.*

- Cosmetology Kit, mannequins, uniform, shoes \$400 for Year 1; \$175 for Year 2
- OSBCB registration fee \$5
- Licensing tests fees \$35

A \$200 deposit towards the cost of the Cosmetology Kit is due at the end of May. The remainder of (except the \$5 OSBCB registration fee) is due on or before the first day of class and is not refundable if you drop the program or if you are dropped for poor attendance.

You will be notified by the beginning of April whether you have been Accepted, put on the Waiting List, or Not Accepted. If you are accepted, you will receive a letter outlining the next steps in the process. Failure to complete those steps will result in being dropped from the program. Please let Meridian Technology Center know immediately if you decide not to attend so your spot can be given to someone on the Waiting List.

We look forward to helping you pursue your career dreams in Cosmetology!



Cosmetology Recommendation Form

Recommendation for: _____ School: _____
Name of Student

Recommender: _____
Name and Title of Recommender

Please rate the student on these attributes, compared to other students.

Willingness to engage in conversation:

- Excellent
- Good/As Expected
- Needs Improvement

Accepts challenges:

- Excellent
- Good/As Expected
- Needs Improvement

Listens to others:

- Excellent
- Good/As Expected
- Needs Improvement

Work habits:

- Excellent
- Good/As Expected
- Needs Improvement

Works in a team:

- Excellent
- Good/As Expected
- Needs Improvement

Builds and maintains relationships:

- Excellent
- Good/As Expected
- Needs Improvement

Please comment below on your experience working with this student. Mention strengths and weaknesses, as well as any specific information regarding the attributes you ranked above.

Student – Please ask an adult who knows you to complete & send this form (*not* a family member).

Recommender – Please return this form directly to the student’s high school counseling office or to Tara Kerr at MTC (tarak@meridiantech.edu). *Please do not give the completed recommendation form to the student.* Your evaluation will only be viewed by school staff.