Program Overview
Nail Technician services include the cleaning, shaping, conditioning and care for the fingers, hands, toes and feet as well as the preparation and application of artificial nails.

Physical requirements include finger dexterity, negative allergic reaction to cosmetic preparations, and artistic flair for creative design. The nail technician should enjoy working with the public and in a team atmosphere. People skills and time management skills are essential.

Licensing or certification exams are independent of graduation requirements.

Career Opportunities
The job outlook is very good for nail technicians. Increasing population, incomes, and demand for cosmetology services will stimulate job growth. In addition, numerous job openings will stem from rapid turnover in salons and the large size of the occupation. The rapid growth of nail salons and full service spas will generate numerous job openings for nail technicians.

After Nail Care Technician students complete 350 hours of skills and theory training and pass the written exam given through the State designated testing service, and skills certification they are eligible for licensure from the Minnesota Board of Cosmetologist Examiners. Nail technicians work in beauty salons, nail salons and spas.

Program Outcomes
1. Graduates will be prepared to take the skills certification.
2. Graduates will be prepared to take the Minnesota State written exam and state law test administered through the State designated testing service (access through www.bceboard.state.mn.us).
3. Graduates will possess knowledge and skills for manicures, pedicures and application of artificial nails.

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Full-time
Students may complete the program in one semester. Consult with Cosmetology Instructor to develop a plan.

Additional Costs
Students should expect to spend approximately $700.00 for nail care kits, supplies and books. This cost is in addition to tuition and fees. There is an additional fee to take the licensure exam.

Program Requirements
☐ Check off when completed
☐ Required Program Orientation
   All Cosmetology, Esthetics and Nail Technician applicants must attend a program orientation prior to enrollment as a full-time student. Please call the Clinic receptionist at 651.846.1329 to reserve your space at an orientation.

Course Cr/HR
☐ CHSN 1598 Body Systems & Diseases on-line ......................... 4/80
☐ CHSN 1599 Preclinic Introduction
   Online COSM ........................................ 4/80
☐ COSM 1603 Preclinic Nail Care ................................. 3/80
☐ COSM 1908 Clinic 1 for Nail Technicians ....................... 3/96
☐ COSM 1952 Salon Operations 2
   for Cosmetology/Nail Technician Majors ........ 2/64

Total Program Credits .................. 16/400

☐ Select from the following electives as needed:
   CHSN 1951 Salon Operations 1
   for Cosmetology/Nail Technician Majors .......... 1
   CHSN 1953 Salon Operations 3
   for Cosmetology/Nail Technician Majors .......... 3

Minimum Program Entry Requirements
Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:
Reading: Score of 38+
Arithmetic: Score of 20+

Assessment Results and Prerequisites:
Students admitted into Saint Paul College programs may need to complete additional courses based on assessment results and course prerequisite requirements. Certain MATH, READ, and ENGL courses have additional prerequisites.

Information is subject to change.
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