

## Nail Care Technician CERTIFICATE

### 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 perform natural nail services including manicuring and pedicuring.
2. Graduates will perform artificial nail care services including tips, acrylic, and free-form.
3. Graduates will use decontamination and sanitation procedures.

### Program Faculty

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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 a orientation.
- | Course   | Cr/HR         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> CHSN 1698 Body Systems & Diseases (online) . . . . .                          | 3/80          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHSN 1699 Preclinic Introduction (online) . . . . .                           | 3/80          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COSM 1603 Preclinic Nail Care . . . . .                                       | 3/80          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COSM 1908 Clinic 1 for Nail Technicians . . . . .                             | 3/96          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COSM 1951 Salon Operations 1 for Cosmetology/Nail Technician Majors . . . . . | 1/32          |
| <b>Total Program Credits . . . . .</b>   | <b>13/368</b> |
- Select from the following electives as needed:  
COSM 1952 Salon Operations 2 for Cosmetology/Nail Technician Majors . . . . . 2  
CHSN 1953 Salon Operations 3 for Cosmetology/Nail Technician Majors . . . . . 3

### Program Start Dates

Summer, Fall, Spring

### Course Sequence

This certificate can be completed in one semester as shown in the following sequence.

**First Semester**

CHSN 1698 Body Systems & Diseases . . . . .	3
CHSN 1699 Preclinic Introduction . . . . .	3
COSM 1603 Preclinic Nail Care . . . . .	3
COSM 1908 Clinic 1 for Nail Technicians . . . . .	3
COSM 1951 Salon Operations 1 for Cosmetology/Nail Technician Majors . . . . .	1
<b>Total Semester Credits . . . . .</b>	<b>13</b>

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### Additional Requirements

Be prepared to purchase kits the first day of class from the book store with the instructor.

**Program is not eligible for financial aid.**

All books **MUST** be purchased before classes begin.

### Cosmetology Student Handbook/ Agreement Form

All new and returning students will need to access D2L Brightspace PRIOR to the first day of classes to read the Cosmetology student handbook. After you have read the handbook, you must print and sign: Student Agreement Form, Hepatitis B Vaccination/Declination Form and Rollabout Form and return them to your instructor on the first day of class before you will be admitted to class. You will need to perform this task prior to the first day of each semester. Please direct questions to the assigned instructor of your first class.

*Information is subject to change.  
This Program Requirements Guide is not a contract.*

**Minimum Program Entry Requirements**  
Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:

**Reading:** Score of 225+

**Arithmetic:** Score of 225+

**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.

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