

# COSMETOLOGY

**Program Number:** 31-502-1

Technical Diploma (1 year)

**Campus:** Fond du Lac

This program is eligible for financial aid (<http://www.morainepark.edu/financial-aid/>)

Be a trendsetter and let your creative side shine with a technical diploma in Cosmetology from Moraine Park Technical College.

## About the Program

Cut, style and polish your way to a successful and in-demand career with the Cosmetology program at Moraine Park! The Cosmetology program is perfect for creative, artistic people who enjoy working with people. Students start with basic skills in the classroom, then advance to perfecting their skills by working with real clients in Techniques Salon & Spa on the Fond du Lac Campus; a full-service salon and spa where students provide hair, skin and nail services. As a cosmetologist, you are licensed to perform all cosmetology, barbering, aesthetic, and nail technician services.

## What You'll Learn

Whether it's a trendy color service, a beautifying facial, or spa manicures and pedicures, Cosmetology students are trained with all necessary skills to provide high quality salon services. Students learn the latest techniques, hear from industry artists and attend local beauty shows.

Students are prepared to take the Wisconsin NIC Cosmetology Licensing Exam and upon graduation begin working as a cosmetologist.

Students in the Cosmetology program must have stamina to stand for long periods of time. Class attendance is crucial to student success.

Program start dates are scheduled for August and January each academic year. Classes run Monday through Friday.

Students must be accepted into the program prior to enrolling in the courses. All fees must be paid prior to program start. Class size is limited to the first 20 paid students. Early enrollment is encouraged. Students are strongly encouraged to get on the waiting list, if necessary. As class space becomes available, wait-list students are offered the spots.

## Transfer Opportunities

Your academic journey can continue at a four-year college or university. Earn your associate degree at Moraine Park and then apply those credits toward a bachelor's degree. Starting at MPTC makes completing a bachelor's degree **affordable**, **accessible** and **convenient**. You can go anywhere as MPTC has transfer agreements with colleges and universities both in Wisconsin and throughout the country.

Visit the Transfer to a Four-Year College (<https://www.morainepark.edu/transfer-to-a-four-year-college/>) page for more information on credit transfer agreements between Moraine Park and four-year colleges, both public and private.

## Additional Information

**State Licensure Disclosure:** Moraine Park Technical College offers programs designed to meet the educational requirements leading to licensure or certification that may be required for employment in certain professions. See Professional Licensure and Certification Disclosure

(<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/professional-licensure/>) for more details.

Licensing Organization: Department of Safety and Professional Services (<https://dps.wi.gov/pages/Professions/Cosmetologist/Default.aspx>)

Note: Students must purchase cosmetology supply kits, smocks and books for this program.

## Admission Process

Standard Admissions (<http://www.morainepark.edu/admissions/new-student/how-to-apply-for-admissions/>) steps details

## Credit for Prior Learning

Transform the skills and abilities developed through previous experience into college credit through MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning process.

- Transfer credit from other colleges/universities
- Earn college credit for your military training and experience
- Earn college credit via Advance Placement, CLEP, DANTES/DSST or MPTC Challenge Exams
- Earn college credit from previous/current work and life experiences

Visit MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/credit-for-prior-learning/>) page for more information.

## Approximate Costs

**NOTE: The fees below are 2025-2026 fees. They will be updated when 2026-2027 fees are approved.**

### Tuition

#### Occupational

- \$152.85 per credit (resident)
- \$229.28 per credit (out-of-state resident)

#### Associate of Arts/Associate of Science

- \$192.20 per credit (resident)
- \$288.30 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.

### Student Fees

- \$5.00 minimum per course Material Fee
- \$13.76 per-credit Supplemental Fee for Undergraduate courses
- \$4.50 per term mandatory Student Accident Insurance Fee

Please refer to Tuition & Fee Information (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/admissions-registration/tuition-fee-information/>) for additional enrollment fee information.

## Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available for associate degree and technical diploma programs (those that are 2 semesters in length and typically with 28 credits or more). Processing can take 4-5 weeks after a student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>)) is received.

Several factors influence the total cost of your degree, including enrollment fees, the number of credits required, textbooks and equipment. [Financial aid \(https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/\)](https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/) can assist with those costs.

## Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Term 1</b>		
502-304	Hairstyling, Shampooing and Scalp Treatment	3
502-311	Haircutting, Basic Forms	2
502-334	Permanent Wave Techniques	2
502-347	Hair Color and Lightening	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Term 2</b>		
502-300	Professional Practices	2
502-302	Hairstyling, Basic Techniques	3
502-312	Razor and Clipper Cutting Basics	1
502-336	Chemical Services	1
502-338	Electricity and Chemistry	1
502-348	Highlighting and Corrective Color	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Term 3</b>		
502-309	Nail Care	1
502-313	Men's and Women's Advanced Haircutting Skills	1
502-332	Facials/Skin Structure and Its Disorders	3
502-341	Introduction to Salon Services	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Term 4</b>		
502-318	Artificial Nails	1
502-342	Salon and Spa Services	4
502-356	Laws and Rules	1
502-381	Salon Operations	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Term 5</b>		
502-343	Advanced Salon and Spa Services	5
502-355	Anatomy and Book Final	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>38</b>

- Salesperson
- Manager
- Consultant
- Spa Services
- Makeup Artist
- Skin Care
- Product Educator
- Aesthetician
- Nail Technician
- Salon Owner/Establishment Owner
- Instructor
- Barbering
- Product Development
- Brand Development
- Marketing

## Program Outcomes

- Perform shampoo, haircut, and style service
- Perform skin care services
- Perform chemical services
- Perform nail services
- Develop business practices for industry success

### Pathways

- Cosmetology Technical Diploma (p. 1)
  - Nail Technician Certificate (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/programs/nail-technician-certificate/>)

Earn a certificate and technical diploma along this pathway. Start with some courses for entry-level employment, and continue with additional courses for higher wages and job advancement.

## Career Opportunities

- Cosmetologist
- Platform Artist