



Cosmetology Diploma- Evening Program

Fall 2026 Entry ♦ Jamestown Campus

The admissions process requires two applications: one for the college (see page 3) and another for the Cosmetology Program (see page 7)

**Program Applications will be accepted
Monday April 27, 2026 — Friday, July 3, 2026 by 5pm**

**See page 7 for new application process*

Applications may be accepted after the deadline only if space is still available.
Classes begin in August 2026.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Cosmetology curriculum is designed to provide competency-based knowledge, scientific and artistic principles, and hands-on fundamentals associated with the cosmetology industry. The curriculum provides a simulated salon environment, which enables students to develop manipulative skills.

Coursework in a 1500 clock-hour diploma program includes instruction in all phases of professional imaging, hair design, chemical processes, skin care, nail care, multicultural practices, product knowledge, and other selected topics. The program is fully approved by the N.C. State Board of Cosmetic Arts, and graduates should qualify to sit for the State Board of Cosmetic Arts examination.

The Cosmetology program is a limited entry program beginning in both the fall and spring semesters. It is offered on the Jamestown campus in the Machinery Hall Building. **Approximately 20 students are admitted each fall semester.**

Meeting the minimum admissions requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS OF PROGRAMS:

The mission of the Cosmetology Department is to provide quality education and training for students who are preparing to be licensed practitioners in the field of cosmetology. While helping students develop technical skills, the

department values communication and interpersonal skills, service to the college and community, and diversity among students and patrons.

The purpose of these standards is to ensure that students possess the minimum skills that will allow them to function successfully in required courses. All students will be held to the same standards and must be able to perform essential functions with or without reasonable accommodation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to carefully read the Technical Standards for Cosmetology and request clarification for any item that is not understood.

If you have a disability that may affect your performance and are seeking accommodation, it is your responsibility to inform Disability Access Services as soon as possible. It is important to request accommodation early enough to give disability Access Services adequate time to consider your request and recommend reasonable accommodation. Instructors will provide necessary accommodation based on the recommendations of disability Access Services.

The following are minimum entry-level skills to ensure student success.

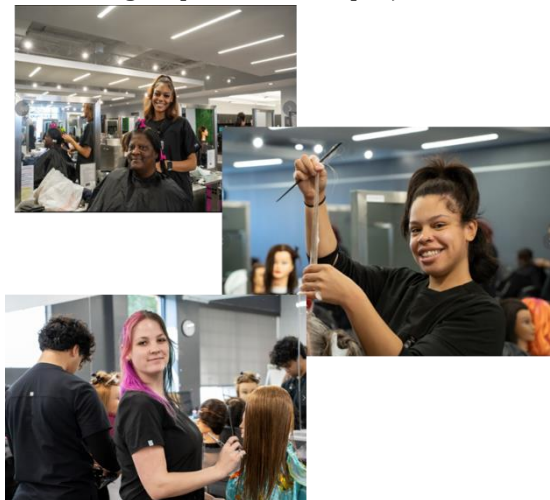
Communication Skills:

Students are required to have completed DRE 096-098 to enter the Cosmetology Curriculum.

Reading tasks require the ability to read course textbooks, manufacturer's literature, procedure instructions, and other related written materials.

Writing tasks requires the ability to write figures, reports, and make notes necessary to complete assignments.

Communication skills are required to enable the student to be conversant with instructors and fellow students and clients. Students will be required to work in groups for various projects to encourage team building.



Mathematics skills: Entry level math functions include but are not limited to: Basic functions (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)

Proportion and ratios

Use of decimals and fractions

Measurements

Analytical / Comprehensive Skills:

Ability to apply principles of logical thinking to assigned tasks.

Use long and short-term memory.

Transfer knowledge from one learning situation to another.

Ability to process given information and evaluate outcomes.

Vision:

- Balance hairstyle and haircuts.
- Determine facial and head shapes.
- Analyze facial features to determine the appropriate style for individual clients.
- Analyze scalp and hair conditions as a precautionary measure prior to service.

Computer Work:

- Maintain client records.
- Track services through a computerized cash entry system.
- Use a tutorial program for lesson reinforcement.

Behavioral and Social Skills:

- Students will be expected to arrive for classes on time.
- Students are expected to be able to concentrate on an assigned project and stand for extended periods of time. Lab sessions run 4 hours per class period.
- Students will be expected to work in groups on various projects.
- Disruptive students will be asked to clock out for the remaining hours on that day.
- Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- Professionalism is expected.

THE COSMETOLOGY DIPLOMA EVENING PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Step 1: Complete the GTCC Admission Process.

- Complete a [GTCC Admission Application](#) and the North Carolina Residency Determination Service process.
 - Submit all official high school/GED transcripts to Enrollment Services
 - Submit all official college transcripts to the Admissions Department by email at transcripts@gtcc.edu. (***Note: it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all official transcripts have been received by GTCC's Admissions Department. Please visit <https://transcripts.gtcc.edu/> to verify that your transcripts have been received***)
- If you have questions about any of the items in this step, please visit the [GTCC Admissions Office](#) for assistance.**

Step 2: Meet one of the following college-level English “readiness” options:

- Option 1:** You have completed or received transfer credit for ENG 111.
- Option 2:** You have completed or received waiver credit for all of the following: DRE 096, DRE 097, DRE 098
- Option 3:** You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 002 with a minimum grade of **P2**
- Option 4:** You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 011
- Option 5:** An earned Associate or Bachelor’s degree from an Institutionally Accredited College or University
- Option 6:** Completion of placement test within the past 10 years and achievement of appropriate scores. If you took the placement test elsewhere, you MUST submit those scores to GTCC Admissions!

- **Option 7:** Graduate of a US high school within the last 10 years, with an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher
- **Option 8:** You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 025

If you are unsure if you have met this requirement, you can speak with a Limited Entry Advisor.

Contact the Limited Entry Programs at limitedentry@gtcc.edu

Where are the Cosmetology Program Classes Held?



All classes, labs, and salons are held at the Machinery Hall Building (Jamestown Campus). The Machinery Hall Building is #21 on the GTCC [Campus Map](#).

THE COSMETOLOGY DIPLOMA PROGRAM – EVENING CURRICULUM

COSMETOLOGY DIPLOMA – EVENING PROGRAM (50 semester credit hours and 1500 clock hours required)

The 50-semester credit hour diploma program includes all required cosmetology and general education classes.

In addition, 1500 clock hours and practical skills, required by the State Board of Cosmetic Arts, must be completed.

Upon passing the State Board licensing exam, the graduate is a fully licensed cosmetologist.

Semester 1 (Credit Hours: 6)

COS 111 AB Cosmetology Concepts I (2 credits)
COS 112 AB Salon I (4 credits)

Semester 2 (Credit Hours: 9)

COS 111 BB Cosmetology Concepts I (2 credits)
COS 112 BB Salon I (4 credits)
COM 120 Intro to Interpersonal Communication (3 credits)

Semester 3 (Credit Hours: 4)

COS 115 AB Cosmetology Concepts III (2 credits)
COS 116 AB Salon III (2 credits)

Semester 4 (Credit Hours: 9)

COS 113 AB Cosmetology Concepts II (2 credits)
COS 114 AB Salon II (4 credits)
SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)

Semester 5 (Credit Hours: 6)

COS 113 BB Cosmetology Concepts II (2 credits)
COS 114 BB Salon II (4 credits)

Semester 6 (Credit Hours: 4)

COS 115 BB Cosmetology Concepts III (2 credits)
COS 116 BB Salon III (2 credits)

Semester 7 (Credit Hours: 6)

COS 117 AB Cosmetology Concepts IV (2 credits)
COS 118 AB Salon IV (4 credits)

Semester 8 (Credit Hours: 6)

COS 117 BB Cosmetology Concepts IV (2 credits)
COS 118 BB Salon IV (4 credits)

Total Credit Hours Required for Diploma: 50

SAMPLE PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS:

Cosmetology is an on- and all students must professional appearance at all times. In order to required curriculum and program, students must be hours. Tardiness and a student's inability to (This schedule is subject to

SCHEDULE AND STUDENT

the-job training course, maintain both a and professional conduct successfully complete the clock hours required for the in class during the assigned leaving early may result in complete the program. change without notice.)

First Semester

Course	Class/Lab	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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COS 111 AB	Class	5:30 – 7:30 pm				
COS 112 AB	Lab		5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	
Second Semester						
COS 111 BB	Class	5:30 – 7:30 pm				
COS 112 BB	Lab		5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	
COM 120	Class	Students should schedule this course OUTSIDE of the COS class/lab times. May also be able to take this course ONLINE.				
Third Semester						
COS 115 AB	Class	5:30 – 7:30 pm				
COS 116 AB	Lab		5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	
Fourth Semester						
SOC 210	Class	Students should schedule this course OUTSIDE of the COS class/lab times. May also be able to take this course ONLINE.				
COS 113 AB	Class	5:30 – 7:30 pm				
COS 114 AB	Lab		5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	
Fifth Semester						
COS 113 BB	Class	5:30 – 7:30 pm				
COS 114 BB	Lab		5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	
Sixth Semester						
COS 115 BB	Class	5:30 – 7:30 pm				
COS 116 BB	Lab		5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	
Seventh Semester						
COS 117 AB	Class	5:30 – 7:30 pm				
COS 118 AB	Lab		5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	
Eighth Semester						
COS 117 BB	Class	5:30 – 7:30 pm				
COS 117 BB	Lab		5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	5:30 – 9:30 pm	
Student Graduates with Diploma (47 credits) . If 1500 clock hours and all practical skills requirements have been completed , student qualifies to sit for the State Board of Cosmetic Arts Examination.						

SUBMITTING YOUR PROGRAM APPLICATION

Once you have completed all items in Steps 1 and 2 on page 3, you are ready to complete the *Cosmetology Diploma – Evening Program Application*. **Applications will be submitted electronically** via the following link (also available on the GTCC website:

www.gtcc.edu > Admissions & Aid > Admission Requirements > Limited Entry Programs > Cosmetology):

[Fall 2026 Cosmetology Evening Diploma Program Application](#)

Application submissions will be accepted beginning Monday, April 27, 2026.

Eligible applicants will be considered, based on meeting program admission requirements and the date their Cosmetology Diploma – Evening Program Application is received by the Limited Entry Programs Office.

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Approximately one to two weeks after the application submission date, all those who submitted the *Cosmetology Diploma Evening Program Application* will be notified of their admission status **via a letter sent to their GTCC EMAIL**. If spaces remain after the deadline, additional applications will be accepted and reviewed for admission to the program.

Selected applicants must either accept or decline their seat by returning their *Intent to Enroll Form* within 4 calendar days of the date on the acceptance letter. Failure to submit the *Intent to Enroll Form* within the stated timeframe will result in the seat being offered to an alternate. Once an applicant declines a seat in the program, the decision may not be reversed.

All applicants who are not offered a seat in the program (including alternates) must resubmit an application to be considered for a future program entry and must meet the minimum admission requirements for that program.

REQUIRED ATTENDANCE AT PROGRAM ORIENTATION PRIOR TO THE START OF CLASSES

Once a seat in the Cosmetology Diploma – Evening program is accepted, the student is **required** to attend an orientation scheduled prior to the start of classes. **Failure to attend may result in the space being offered to an alternate.**

APPROXIMATE IN-STATE PROGRAM COST (includes tuition, kit, textbooks, and uniforms):



The total approximate in-state cost for the diploma program is \$5,000. For the most current information on tuition and student/course-specific fees, refer to the GTCC Cashier's Office webpage: <https://www.gtcc.edu/admissions-and-aid/how-to-pay-for-college/cashiers><https://www.gtcc.edu/admissions-and-aid/how-to-pay-for-college/cashiers-office.phpoffice.php>.

Tuition rates are established by the State Board of Community Colleges in accordance with actions taken by the NC General Assembly. Student fees are established by the GTCC Board of Trustees in accordance with the State Board of Community Colleges. All rates are subject to change.

COSMETOLOGY UNIFORMS

Uniforms for the program may be purchased at any local uniform (scrubs) shop. The GTCC uniform shall consist of a black scrub top and black scrub pants. Closed toe shoes can be solid black or black and white. The shoe must be 80% black and can be up to 20% white. No variations are allowed in the uniform, and the complete black uniform must always be worn in any area of Cosmetology. All uniform components must be kept neat, clean, and in good repair.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of the Cosmetology Diploma, the graduate should be able to:

- Style hair according to accepted professional standards;
- Perform manicures and pedicures according to accepted professional standards;
- Provide skin care services according to accepted professional standards;
- Restructure hair using chemical services according to accepted professional standards;
- Provide a safe and sanitized environment.

In addition to the above, students who choose to complete the Cosmetology Diploma should also be able to:

- Market services and finances



EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK (through 2026):

(Sources: *The College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC.org) Career Profile*, U.S. Department of Labor's [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#); [GTCC's Career Coach Site](#)).

The employment outlook in North Carolina for jobs in this field is **stable**.

Average salaries for new employees in the Greensboro-High Point area are around \$32,836 (approximately \$15.79 per hour).


On a national level, industries with the highest levels of employment in this field include:

- Personal Care Services
- General Merchandise Stores
- Health and Personal Care Stores
- Motion Picture and Video Industries

Other Amusement and Recreation Industries

Career Opportunities

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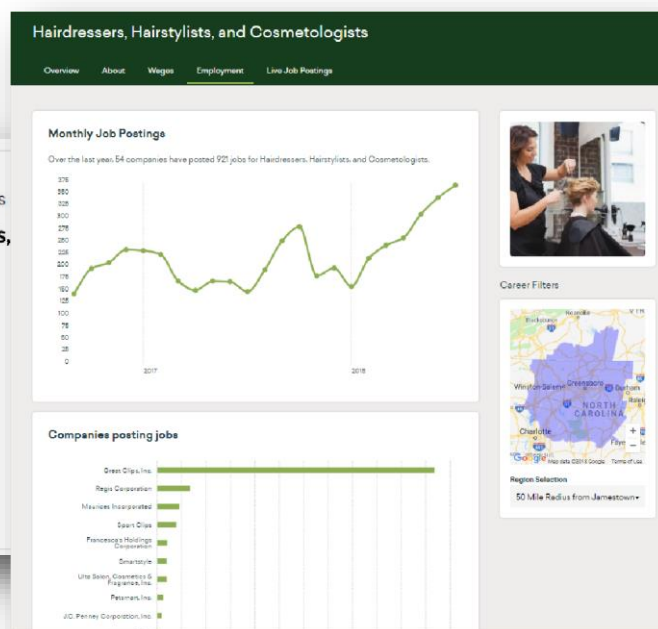
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FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COSMETOLOGY DIPLOMA – EVENING PROGRAM, CONTACT:

Ms. LaTia Hairston, Cosmetology Program Director, at: lahairston2@gtcc.edu.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBMITTING YOUR COSMETOLOGY DIPLOMA EVENING PROGRAM APPLICATION, CONTACT:

GTCC's Limited Entry Programs Office

Email: limitedentry@gtcc.edu; Phone: 336-334-4822, ext. 50439

Office Location: Jamestown Campus, Hassel Health Technologies Center, Room 140

