



Esthetics Technology Certificate

Day Program

Fall 2026 Entry ♦ Jamestown Campus

The admissions process requires two applications: one for the college (see page 2) and another for the Esthetics Program (see page 5)

Program Applications will be accepted
March 23, 2026— July 31, 2026, by 5pm, or until seats are filled,
whichever comes first.

Classes begin in August 2026

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Esthetics Technology Certificate (C55230) curriculum provides competency-based knowledge, scientific/artistic principles, and hands-on fundamentals associated with the art of skin care. The curriculum provides a simulated salon environment which enables students to develop manipulative skills.

Course work includes instruction in all phases of professional Esthetics Technology, business/human relations, product knowledge, and other related topics. Graduates should be prepared to take the North Carolina Cosmetology State Board Licensing Exam and upon passing be licensed and qualify for employment in beauty and cosmetic/skin care salons, as a platform artist, and in related businesses.

The Esthetics Technology Certificate Day program is a limited entry program beginning in the fall semester. It is offered on the Jamestown campus in the Machinery Hall Building. **Approximately 20 students are admitted each fall semester.**

All applicants must meet the minimum admissions requirements to be considered for a space in the program and must be a High School/GED graduate. **Meeting the minimum admissions requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.**

TECHNICAL STANDARDS OF PROGRAMS:

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.

All students will be held to the same standards and must be able to perform essential functions with or without reasonable accommodation.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK:

(Source:) ([ZipRecruiter.com](#)).

The average Esthetician salary in North Carolina is \$44,587 as of February 2026 and the range typically falls between \$43,961 and \$46,243. Salary ranges vary widely depending on the city and many other important factors.

The Esthetics Technology Certificate Day Program Admission Requirements

Complete the Admission Process.

- Complete a [GTCC Admission Application](#) and the North Carolina Residency Determination Service process.

**If you have questions about any of the items in this step, please visit the
GTCC Admissions Office for assistance.**

Where are the Esthetics Technology Certificate Day Program Classes Held?



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

The Esthetics Technology Certificate Day Program Curriculum

ESTHETICS TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE DAY PROGRAM

(16 semester credit hours and 600 clock hours required)

The 16-semester credit hour certificate program includes all required cosmetology classes. T

In addition, 600 clock hours required by the State Board of Cosmetic Arts, must be completed.

Semester 1 (Credit Hours: 8)

COS 119 Esthetics Concepts I (2 credits)

COS 120 Esthetics Salon I (6 credits)

(total 300 clock hours)

Semester 2 (Credit Hours: 8)

COS 125 Esthetics Concepts II (2 credits)

COS 126 Esthetics Salon II (6 credits)

(total 300 clock hours)

Total of 16 Credit Hours And 600 Clock Hours

SAMPLE PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:

Esthetics Technology Certificate students must always maintain both professional appearance and professional conduct. To successfully complete the required curriculum and clock hours required for this program, students must be in class during the assigned hours. Tardiness and leaving early may result in a student's inability to complete the program. (This schedule is subject to change without notice.)

Day Schedule

First Semester						
Course	Class/Lab	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
COS 119	Class	9:00-11:00 a.m.				
COS 120	Lab		9:00-3:30 p.m.	9:00-3:30 p.m.	9:00-3:30 p.m.	
Second Semester						
COS 125	Class	9:00-11:00 a.m.				
COS 126	Lab		9:00-3:30 p.m.	9:00-3:30 p.m.	9:00-3:30 p.m.	
<p>Students Graduate with a Certificate (16 semester hour credits). If 600 clock hours and all practical skills requirements have been successfully completed, the student meets the educational requirements to sit for the State Board of Cosmetic Arts Examination.</p>						

APPROXIMATE IN-STATE PROGRAM COST

(includes tuition, kit, textbooks, and uniforms):



The total approximate in-state cost for the certificate program is \$2,000 - \$3,000. 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-office.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.

ESTHETICS UNIFORMS

The GTCC uniform shall consist of a burgundy scrub top and burgundy scrub pants. Solid black closed toe professional shoes; and (solid black) socks or pantyhose are mandatory. No variations are allowed in the uniform, and all uniform components must be kept neat, clean, and in good repair.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of the Esthetics Technology Certificate, the graduate should be able to:

- Perform skin care services according to accepted professional standards.
- Market services and finances.
- Provide and maintain a safe and sanitized environment.

SUBMITTING YOUR PROGRAM APPLICATION

Once you have completed your application to the college, the *Esthetics Technology Certificate Day Program application* **will be submitted electronically via the following link from March 23, 2026 – July 31, 2026, or until seats are filled, whichever comes first.** You must have an activated GTCC Titan account to access the application.

[Esthetics Technology Certificate Day Program Application Fall 2026](#)

Eligible applicants will be considered, based on the date their Esthetics Technology Certificate Day Program Application is received by the Limited Entry Programs Office.

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Approximately one to two weeks after the program application deadline, all those who submitted the *Esthetics Technology Certificate Day Program Application* will be notified of their admission status **via a letter sent to their GTCC EMAIL**. If spaces remains after the deadline, additional applications will be accepted and reviewed for admission to the program.

Selected applicants must either accept or decline a program position 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 position being offered to an alternate. Once an applicant declines an offer for space in the program, the decision may not be reversed.

All applicants who are not offered a space 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 ORIENTATION PRIOR TO THE START OF CLASSES

Once a position in the Esthetics Technology Certificate Day program is accepted, the student is then 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.**

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ESTHETICS TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE DAY PROGRAM, CONTACT,

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

**FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBMITTING YOUR ESTHETICS TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE DAY PROGRAM APPLICATION,
CONTACT,**

GTCC's Limited Entry Programs Office

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