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Human Services Career Cluster

The Human Services career cluster focuses on preparing individuals for employment in career pathways that relate to families and human needs, such as counseling and mental health services, family and community services, personal care services, and consumer services. This career cluster includes occupations ranging from community health workers to cosmetologists and nutritionists.

Regional Program of Study: Cosmetology and Personal Care Services

Approved in ESC Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, & 20

The list of approved ESC regions is updated every school year. Be sure to check the CTE regional program of study website for updates.

The Cosmetology and Personal Care Services regional program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with providing beauty and personal care services. This program of study includes managing personal care facilities and coordinating or supervising personal service workers.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1	• Principles of Cosmetology Design and Color Theory • Microbiology and Safety for Cosmetology Careers
Level 2	• Introduction to Cosmetology • Nail Care, Enhancements, and Spa Services • Esthetics • Entrepreneurship I
Level 3	• Cosmetology I • Cosmetology I + Cosmetology I Lab • Barbering I
Level 4	• Cosmetology II • Cosmetology II + Cosmetology II Lab • Barbering II • Practicum in Entrepreneurship • Practicum in Entrepreneurship + Extended Practicum in Entrepreneurship • Career Preparation for Programs of Study • Career Preparation for Programs of Study + Extended Career Preparation

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Activities	• Work part-time in a salon, spa, or barbershop • Participate in an apprenticeship at a salon to become an apprentice stylist
Expanded Learning Opportunities	• Tour a salon, spa, or barbershop • Participate in SkillsUSA

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- Class A Barber
- Cosmetology Operator
- Esthetician
- Esthetician/Hair Weaving
- Esthetician/Manicurist
- Eyelash Extension Specialist
- Hair Weaving Specialist
- Manicurist

Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships
- Apprentice Stylist

Associate Degrees
- Cosmetology Operator
- Esthetics and Skin Care

Additional Stackable IBCs/License
- Class A Barber
- Eyelash Extension Specialist
- Hair Weaving Specialist

Example Aligned Occupations

Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists

Median Wage: $29,272
Annual Openings: 8,385
10-Year Growth: 25%

Skincare Specialists

Median Wage: $35,572
Annual Openings: 1,233
10-Year Growth: 38%

First-Line Supervisors of Personal Service Workers

Median Wage: $42,027
Annual Openings: 2,614
10-Year Growth: 29%

Data Source: TexasWages, Texas Workforce Commission. Retrieved 3/8/2024.

For more information visit: https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/hs-cosmetology-and-personal-care-services-extendedpptx.pdf

Successful completion of the Cosmetology and Personal Care Services regional program of study will fulfill requirements of the Business and Industry endorsement.

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Course Information

Level 1

Course	Prerequisites | Corequisites	Career Clusters
Principles of Cosmetology Design and Color Theory 13025050 (1 credit)	**Prerequisites:** None **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** Principles of Human Services **Recommended Corequisites**: None	
Microbiology and Safety for Cosmetology Careers N1302540 (1 credit)	**Prerequisites:** None **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** None **Recommended Corequisites**: None	

Level 2

Course	Prerequisites | Corequisites	Career Clusters
Introduction to Cosmetology 13025100 (1 credit)	**Prerequisites:** None **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** None **Recommended Corequisites**: None	
Nail Care, Enhancements, and Spa Services N1302531 (2 credits)	**Prerequisites:** None **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** None **Recommended Corequisites**: None	
Esthetics N1302533 (2 credits)	**Prerequisites:** None **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** None **Recommended Corequisites**: None	
Entrepreneurship I* 13011101 (1 credit)	**Prerequisites:** None **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance **Recommended Corequisites**: None	

Level 3

Course	Prerequisites | Corequisites	Career Clusters
Cosmetology I 13025200 (2 credits)	**Prerequisites:** None **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** Introduction to Cosmetology **Recommended Corequisites**: Cosmetology I Lab	
Cosmetology I + Cosmetology I Lab 13025210 (3 credits)	**Prerequisites:** None **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** Introduction to Cosmetology **Recommended Corequisites**: None	
Barbering I N1302534 (3 credits)	**Prerequisites:** None **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** None **Recommended Corequisites**: None	

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Level 4

Course Information

Course	Prerequisites | Corequisites	Career Clusters
Cosmetology II 13025300 (2 credits)	**Prerequisites:** Cosmetology I **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** None **Recommended Corequisites:** Cosmetology II Lab	
Cosmetology II + Cosmetology II Lab 13025310 (3 credits)	**Prerequisites:** Cosmetology I **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** None **Recommended Corequisites:** None	
Barbering II N1302535 (3 credits)	**Prerequisites:** Barbering I **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** None **Recommended Corequisites:** None	
Practicum in Entrepreneurship* First Time Taken: 13011111 (2 credits)	**Prerequisites:** None **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** Entrepreneurship I and Entrepreneurship II, or successful completion of at least two courses in a CTE program of study **Recommended Corequisites:** None	
Practicum in Entrepreneurship + Extended Practicum in Entrepreneurship* First Time Taken: 13011121 (3 credits)	**Prerequisites:** None **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** Entrepreneurship I and Entrepreneurship II, or successful completion of at least two courses in a CTE program of study **Recommended Corequisites:** None	
Career Preparation for Programs of Study* First Time Taken: 12701121 (2 credits)	**Prerequisites:** At least one Level 2 or higher CTE course **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** None **Recommended Corequisites:** None	
Career Preparation for Programs of Study + Extended Career Preparation* First Time Taken: 12701141 (3 credits)	**Prerequisites:** At least one Level 2 or higher CTE course **Corequisites:** None **Recommended Prerequisites:** None **Recommended Corequisites:** None	

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