

Altoona Beauty School, INC.

Detailed Rationale for Additional Requirements

ESTHETICIAN

The state of Pennsylvania mandates that students complete 300 hours of training to be eligible to take the Pennsylvania State Exam for estheticians. Upon developing our new esthetician program, we determined students are required to learn too much information for this short period of time.

The standard textbook for Professional Estheticians contains twenty-two chapters. It is written for a 600 hour curriculum. We condensed and combined chapters to make the course as short as possible without jeopardizing the subject matter. We developed a thirteen week program covering two, three and sometimes four chapters a week. We do not feel you could cram or delete any more information and still provide a quality education.

The students are required to learn much more practical skills as well. We not only are preparing them to pass their state board exam, we are training them to be ready for employment immediately after graduation. Students should not graduate and still need to take additional classes so they can obtain or maintain employment.

This is our reasoning for developing a four hundred fifty (450) hour program. It is strictly to provide quality education in both theory and practical skills.

NAIL TECHNICIAN

The Pennsylvania State Board of Cosmetology requires students to complete 200 hours of training to be eligible to sit for the nail technician examination. Two hundred hours of training is equivalent to ten weeks of classes. This is not enough time to train students properly in the skills they need to succeed in the salon. Today the salon nail technician's number one service is artificial nails. Our students learn these services. By the time they are ready to perform this service properly and safely to a client they graduate. In all the years we have been offering this program our only complaint from students is there is not enough time spent on artificial nails. We feel by increasing our program to 300 clock hours, we will graduate more qualified graduates to ensure successful careers.

TEACHERS

The Pennsylvania State Board of Cosmetology requires students to complete 500 hours of training to be eligible to sit the Teachers examination. 500 hours of training is equivalent to fifteen weeks of classes. This has not been enough time to train students thoroughly in order to secure a teaching position and succeed immediately after graduating. Students need more time for student teaching of classes to fully prepare them to teach. We feel by increasing our program to 600 clock hours, we will graduate more qualified graduates to ensure successful careers.

I have been provided with the Altoona Beauty School, INC rationale for additional requirements. This information has been explained to me at my student orientation and I have a general understanding of the material.

Signature

Date

ABS Admissions Signature

Date