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Our School

Altoona Beauty School's fine reputation has been maintained since its establishment in August 1956. It was owned and operated by Virginia Stoudenour until May 1978. In 1978 Mr. Richard Koop purchased the establishment. He operated the school until March 1994. In March 1994 the establishment was purchased by Linzi J. Biesinger. Mrs. Biesinger has vast experience in hairstyling, shop management, teaching, and financial aid services. Mrs. Biesinger incorporated Altoona Beauty School in 1995. She currently is the Chief Executive Officer.

Our objective at Altoona Beauty School is to prepare our students for successful careers in today's modern world of Cosmetology. To achieve these goals, we have a team of instructors, who are licensed by the Pennsylvania State Board of Cosmetology. Our staff has had many years teaching experience as well as salon experience. The staff attends various seminars and workshops throughout the year to stay on top of today's ever changing fashion and hair trends. Some of our many teaching aids here at Altoona Beauty School are Power Point Presentations, electronic textbooks, internet technology, and DVDs comprising of cuts, coloring, perming, styling, make up, skin care, and nail techniques compiled through the years.

Altoona Beauty School practices no discrimination on the basis of race, creed, age, religion, sex, financial status, color, or ethnic origin. We are an equal opportunity educator and employer.

Facilities and Equipment

Altoona Beauty School is located at 1528 Valley View Blvd., Altoona PA. Our school provides 9000 square feet of floor space, with necessary equipment to provide quality education.

The building consists of reception/retail area, shampoo room, color bar, two laundry areas, dispensary, clinic, and dryer areas. Three theory classrooms, skin care room, nail care room, locker area, student lunch room, staff room and an administrative office. Special facilities for disabled students are as follows: handicapped parking spaces, restrooms, locker, and ramp entrance. Specific disabilities should be discussed with the school Director prior to enrolling in classes to ensure we can accommodate the student.

OBJECTIVES – Mission Statement

Altoona Beauty School strives to offer the best education possible for future stylists. Our objectives for each program are:

1. To educate the students to the highest level in their chosen field of cosmetology.
2. To expose the students to all aspects of clinical and practical procedures their chosen field
3. To impress upon the students the need to keep up with the ever changing field by attending professional educational seminars.
4. To instill upon the students a keen sense of professional ethics to enable them to be competitive and successful.
5. To educate and prepare the students to fulfill all requirements for the state board of cosmetology.

Our Staff

OWNER/PRESIDENT..... Linzi Biesinger
DIRECTOR/ SUPERVISOR.....Teresa Madigan
TITLE IX COORDINATOR

EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTORS

Kimberly Smith Jamie Miller Jennifer Wilt
Elizabeth Leeper Lara Sharpless Rebecca Westpfahl
FRONT DESK COORDINATOR Ruth Madden
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Kimberly Smith

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Students are to dress appropriately for school. Appearance is crucial as you are training for a position in the image and beauty industry. If you cannot make yourself look good, your clients will wonder how you can service them!

1. Clean uniform jacket must be worn at all times. No cleavage should be shown, must wear a cami or tank under smock jacket. Black bottoms and white tops must be worn under this jacket. Any closed toed leather or vinyl shoes must be worn with socks or nylons. No crocs permitted. No clothes that are ripped, torn, or have holes in will be permitted to be worn in school. Pants must not extend over the heel of the shoe. All undergarments must be covered at all times including boxers and bra tops. Any clothing, attire, or accessory that lends to disruptive/ distraction of any kind is strictly prohibited. Coats / jackets will not be worn during school unless a heating problem occurs. Clothing apparel, book bags, and jewelry which advertises or promotes drug/alcohol, tobacco products, sexual messages, hate groups, or racism are not permitted. Shorts and skirts must be knee length. Capri pants are acceptable. Underarm hair must be clean shaven. If growing for waxing purposes, no sleeveless shirt may be worn. Headwraps must be black or white.

2. Personal appearance. Be neat and clean, come to class with hair and makeup done. Body piercing must be discrete and approved by staff so not to offend customers.
3. Personal hygiene is a must when dealing with the public.
4. All books and equipment are necessary for all classes. You will be asked to leave if you do not bring all of your equipment, including charged tablet. Mannequins are to be stored in your locker, not on the clinic floor.
5. The use of unprofessional language will not be tolerated. Cell phone usage is permitted in student break room or outside only.
6. Pay full attention to clinic.
7. Be helpful and courteous at all times.
8. Non-smoking facility. Eating/drinking in breakroom only.
9. No personal phone calls!! Emergency calls only
10. Students must pay for the cost of supplies for their own personal use. Must be paid prior to having service.
11. All clean ups must be done before you leave.
12. No littering on school property.
13. Jacket/purses must be kept in lockers, combination lock
14. The use of alcohol and or drugs is forbidden. If caught you will be terminated.
15. Cyber stalking or cyber bullying is not permitted.
16. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations will result in loss of hours due to dismissal and a write up. Students receiving three write ups during enrollment will be terminated.
17. Any school related problem that you have please contact the school office and it will be handled accordingly.

POLICIES: ATTENDANCE POLICY

Full time students must attend a minimum of 24 hours per week. Classes are Monday through Friday 8:15 am to 4:00pm. Part time students must attend a minimum 16 hours per week. Classes vary by program (Cosmetology= M–F;8:15 am to 12:15 pm Esthetician=M-W-F 8:15am-4pm Nail Technology/Teacher Training M-T-W 8:15am-4pm) or Evenings, Monday through Thursday 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday 9-3. Missed classes must be made up Saturdays.

All students based on enrollment status must maintain a 70% attendance average in order to achieve Satisfactory Academic Progress. Attendance is monitored daily. Each week the Director checks individual student's weekly attendance. A student not meeting their weekly requirements are contacted. The following week the student is expected to make up the hours absent. Hours are averaged at the end of each month. All students will be given a contracted completion date. If the student does not complete the required hours of training by the given completion date, the student will be charged the prevailing tuition rate per hour for all uncompleted hours = \$12.50

Students will be scheduled to attend one Saturday class approximately every third week, after their third month of school. Only students who provide Altoona Beauty School with written documentation will be excused from this policy.

TARDINESS

Any student not physically present at the start of his/her scheduled class will be considered tardy. A student attending Altoona Beauty School must attend all scheduled theory classes on time. All classes begin at 8:15 am. If a student cannot make it at 8:15 they have the option to come late at 10:00am. If the student cannot attend at 10:00am they have the option to come late at 12:00 noon. If the student cannot attend by 12:00 noon, they will not be permitted to class for the day. Evening classes begin at 4:00 pm. If the student cannot make it at 4:00 they have the option to come late at 6:00 pm. If they are not in attendance at 6:00, they will not be permitted to class for that evening. Exceptions will be made for those students attending class late a legitimate reason only. (Such as a job schedule, child care, etc) If a student has a legitimate reason for coming to class late every day, they should speak with the Director/Supervisor about this before enrolling in classes.

This policy was designed to prevent students from coming to class late and disrupting those students who were on time. Excessive tardiness may be cause for discontinuance of training.

SNOW DAY CLOSINGS

Altoona Beauty School is a clock hour school, we must remain open as much as possible. If Altoona Beauty School cannot open due to extreme weather conditions, no hours will be given because the school was not available for training. Please follow us on social media. Our Instagram/ Facebook page will be updated should classes be delayed or cancelled. Also watch WTAJ-TV News or go to www.wearecentralpa.com for school closings. If Altoona Beauty School closes a day, evening classes are automatically canceled as well. ABS App will be updated for all students and staff too.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE POLICY

Leave of absence is granted only to students who wish to temporarily interrupt their training and are in good standing with the school, and there is a reasonable expectation they will return. A leave of absence must be requested in writing, in advance and include reason to the Director of the school unless unforeseen circumstances prevent the student from doing so. In the case of unforeseen circumstance the Altoona Beauty School may grant a LOA to a student if; a) the institution documents the reason for decision, b) the institution collects the request from the student at a later date; and c) the institution establishes the start date of the approved LOA as the first date the student was unable to attend. The Altoona Beauty School Request for Leave of Absence form must be signed by the student. Leave of absences will be granted to those students with medical excuses only. The school has the final decision as to permitting the leave of absence. Any Leave of Absence cannot exceed sixty days. Altoona Beauty School will not grant a LOA if the LOA, together with any additional LOA previously granted exceeds a total of 180 days in any 12 month period. No additional charges will be assessed as a result of requested LOA. The student's contract enrollment period will be extended by the same number of days as taken in the Leave of Absence. Such changes to student contract will be made on enrollment agreement and initialed by the student and the Director. The student granted an LOA is not considered to have been withdrawn and no refund calculation is required at this time. If the student does not return by the expiration of Leave of Absence or takes an unapproved Leave of Absence the student will be withdrawn. The withdrawal date will be the students last date of attendance for the purpose of calculating a refund. The Veterans Administration will be notified immediately when a veteran student is granted a leave of absence.

CLASSCUTS

Class cuts are not permitted and shall be regarded as unexcused absences.

MAKE UP WORK

Make up work is not permitted for the purpose of receiving Veterans Administration training allowance. Students who fail an exam either in theory or practical studies, will be required to make up that exam. All failed exams must be made up within one month from the scheduled exam. If a student fails to make up the exam in one month a zero will be recorded in the student's progress chart. In order to sit for the Mid Term and/or Final examinations, *all* grades must be above the passing rate of a 70%. If a student is absent the day a scheduled exam is given the students will be required to make up the exam the next day he/she is present for class. If the exam is not made up at this time a zero will be recorded.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Altoona Beauty School is open during regular business hours. If you the student choose to leave early, your hours stop at the time you leave school. The only requirement to leaving early is that you complete the Early Dismissal Chart prior to 10:00 am.

REST PERIOD

Day students are granted two 10 minutes rest periods. At approximately 10:00am and 2:00pm, and a 45 minute lunch break. Evening students are granted a nightly 15 minute rest period from 6:00 – 6:15.

TERMINATION

Termination will result is a student does not comply with the rules and regulations of the institute. If the student does not maintain the required hours for Title IV Aid or does not maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress.

PLACEMENT

We at Altoona Beauty School are dedicated to assisting our graduates seeking employment. We offer job assistance through our school office, as well as our school website. A job board is located in the student hallway. We do not in any way guarantee employment. We do have numerous local contacts and can aid (refer) the student in employment or who needs career counseling.

CONDUCT

Students may be dismissed for actions or conduct that disrupts the school program or reflects in any way upon the school. Students dismissed because of unsatisfactory progress or misconduct will not be reinstated unless the administration is assured cause for dismissal will be corrected.

INTERNAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

If any student, teacher, or interested parties should have a complaint regarding any aspect of the Altoona Beauty School, Inc. they should adhere to the following steps:

Notify Instructor of complaint if at all possible in writing. He/she will help in any way possible. If not satisfied, notify the Director/Supervisor of complaint in writing. He/She will help any way possible. If not satisfied, notify the President of complaint in writing. She will help to correct to the best of her ability. A response will be given to the student within ten days from whichever avenue was attempted. Notify National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences (NACCAS) at 703-600-7600, only after complainant has attempted to resolve the problems through the school's complaint process.

TITLE IX COORDINATOR

Altoona Beauty School's Title IX Coordinator is the School Director Teresa Madigan. Her role as Title IX Coordinator are;

- Hear/receive information of alleged crimes that are reported to her in good faith by others, or reported alleged crimes that may personally witness. Under the Cleary Act, a crime is "reported" when it is brought to the attention of an ABS staff member or local law enforcement personnel by the victim, witness, or third party or even the offender. It doesn't matter whether or not the individuals involved in the crime, or reporting the crime, are associated with ABS.
- Upon receiving information regarding a crime, the Title IX Coordinator will investigate the complaint. She will review Altoona Beauty School security camera footage and document notes of the incident. She will ask pertinent questions to those involved, if warranted she will immediately contact the police and provide all related details to the authorities. Investigation will commence in a timely manner.
- Record information about crimes reported. To record information about a crime reported complete a Campus Security Authority Incident Report Form.
- Promptly report any Cleary-Act related crimes to local and/or state police departments – all crimes MUST be reported.
- Attend required training on the implementation of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- Provide annual training and updated Campus Security information to all ABS employees

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for any classes can be made at any time during the year. Enrollment applications are available on the school's website. A non-

refundable \$50.00 application fee will be collected at orientation. Registration must be made two weeks prior to the first day of class. Class start dates vary according to the various programs. Please contact the Admission office for exact dates. All classes are taught in English. All written materials are in English. Registration fees for all courses are \$100.00. Day and Evening classes are offered. No vaccinations are required to enroll in classes.

ENROLLMENT STATUS CHANGE

A fulltime student at Altoona Beauty School you must maintain 24 minimum hours a week. Should you need to drop from a fulltime student to part time student, it must be done within the first month of enrollment. A change in your enrollment status must be requested to the Director/Supervisor of the school. Enrollment status change will only be granted to those students with legitimate reasons such as; Change in employment, Health reasons, or Child Care Services.

STUDENT FILE ACCESS

Altoona Beauty School guarantees the student (student is a dependent minor, parents/guardian) the right to gain access to their records by inquiring at the school's office. All files must be reviewed in the office with a staff member present. No documents will be permitted to leave the school. Copies may be requested.

RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

The Altoona Beauty School has written this policy pertaining to the safeguarding of records which comprises with the "privacy act". The Altoona Beauty School will not release any information on a student unless the Altoona Beauty School has the written permission. (If the student is a dependent minor, parents/guardian written permission will be obtained). Parents/ guardians of dependent minors have the right to access files. For legal or accreditation purposes, agencies do not have to have written consent in order to access student files.

The Altoona Beauty School policy is as follows: When an individual and/or organization wish to gain access to certain information in a student file, a school official will take down necessary

questions regarding the student information. Then he/she will inform the individual and/or organization that we will get back to them with the information. The school director will notify the student. The student will be notified as to who called requesting information and as to what information they were requesting. If the student gives the Altoona Beauty School the right to release the information requested, the student will complete and sign a Release of Student Information Form. The school official will also sign this form. The school official will then contact the individual and/or organization that called requesting the information. The school official will only release the information the student gave permission to release. The school official will then keep a copy of the release of information form in the student file. *EACH* time an individual and/or organization calls to request personal information about a particular student, Altoona Beauty School will implement the Release of Student Information Policy.

ALTOONA BEAUTY SCHOOL GRADING SYSTEM

All theory exams given are graded by percentage, calculated by the number of correct questions divided by the total number of questions. Practical requirements vary according to program the student is enrolled in. *Nail Technology* students are graded on practical requirements at 50 hours and a final exam. *Cosmetology* students are graded on practical requirements at 300 hours, a mid-term exam and a final exam. *Esthetician* students are graded on practical requirements at 75 hours and a final exam. *Teacher Training* graded on the three evaluations of the complete theory classes they teach. Theory grades and practical grades are averaged together monthly. Students must maintain a minimum 70% average in academics. All students must complete specific requirements based on the program enrolled in. Students receive an “S” for satisfactorily completing task or a “U” for unsatisfactorily completing the task.

Grading Scale:

100% - 93% = A

92% - 85% = B

84% - 78% = C

77% - 70% = D

69% or below = F

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Upon completion of the designated number of clock hours for the desired course, the student will receive the appropriate award. Students completing the Cosmetology, Nail Technology, Esthetician, and Teacher Training Programs will receive a diploma and be eligible to take the Pennsylvania State Board Examination.

Student completing the Electrology, or Advanced Classes receive a certificate.

- * All students must complete all written requirements with a 70% or higher.
- * All students must complete all practical requirements
- * All students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- * All Students are required to do clinical work experience (unpaid) as part of their education.
- * All students must have met financial obligations

REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE BOARD EXAM:

COSMETOLOGY: Complete 1250 hours, examination fee \$93.00, proof of education, and proof of age.

NAIL TECHNOLOGY: Complete 300 hours, Examination fee \$93.00, Proof of education or proof of age.

ESTHETICIAN: Complete 450 hours, examination fee \$93.00, and Proof of education.

TEACHER TRAINING: Complete 600 hours, examination fee \$93.00, Proof of education, and Nail Technology, Cosmetology or Esthetician License.

**Examination fees are governed by the state and may change without notice. All candidates pay \$25.00 application fee and \$22.00 criminal background check on the PALS system. Pennsylvania State Board of Cosmetology complaint number is 1-800-822-2113.

****Pennsylvania Board of Cosmetology** requires all candidates to submit an official Criminal History Record Information check with their applications for licensure examinations, re-activation and reciprocity.

Applicants will need to supply official Criminal History Record Information check from the State Police or other state agency for every state in which the candidates had resided during the past 5 years. The reports must be dated within 90 days of the application.

CURRICULUM The PA State Board of Cosmetology requires 1250 hours in school training before taking required Cosmetology examination. A fulltime student must complete 1250 hours in 13 months. A part time student must complete 1250 hours in 20 months. If these hours are not completed within this time period, the student is subject to increased tuition if the school had a tuition increase.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023-24

Cosmetology	Nail Technician	Esthetician
January 9	January 9	January 9
March 13	April 3	April 3
May 15	June 26	May 8
July 10	September 25	June 26
September 11	January 2 2024	Aug 7
November 13		September 25
January 2 2024		November 13
		January 2 2024

Teachers start 1st Monday any month.

SCHOOL HOURS

8:15AM – 4:00PM
 Days Mon. through Fri.
 9:00am – 3:00pm
 Saturday (Rotation)
 4:00pm – 8:00pm
 Mon. through Thurs. Evening

HOLIDAYS

New Years Eve Day
 New Years Day
 Memorial Day
 Independence Day
 Labor Day
 Thanksgiving Day & Day after
 Christmas Break Dec 24 thru January 2

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY:

The Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy is consistently applied to all students enrolled at the school. It is printed in the catalog to ensure that all students receive a copy prior to enrollment. The policy complies with the guidelines established by the National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences (NACCAS) and the federal regulations established by the United States Department of Education.

EVALUATION PERIODS

Students are evaluated for Satisfactory Academic Progress at intervals based on actual hours.

Cosmetology 450, 900 clocked (actual) hours

Esthetician 225 clocked (actual) hours

Nail Technician 150 clocked (actual) hours

Teacher Training 300 clocked (actual) hours

Transfer students – Midpoint of the contracted hours or the established evaluation periods, whichever comes first.

Evaluations will determine if the student has met the minimum requirements for satisfactory academic progress. The frequency of evaluations ensures that students have had at least one evaluation by midpoint in the course. Should a student complete a program earlier than the estimated timeframe stated in the contract, the student's financial aid package may be recalculated and this may result in liabilities owed by the student and/or the institution.

ATTENDANCE PROGRESS EVALUATIONS

Students are required to attend a minimum of 70% of the hours possible based on the applicable attendance schedule in order to be considered maintaining satisfactory attendance progress. Evaluations are conducted at the end of each evaluation period to determine if the student has met the minimum requirements. The attendance percentage is determined by dividing the total hours accrued by the total number of hours scheduled. At the end of each evaluation period, the school will determine if the student has maintained that least 70% cumulative attendance since the beginning of the course which indicates that, given the same attendance rate, the student will graduate within the maximum time frame allowed.

MAXIMUM TIME FRAME

The maximum time (which does not exceed 150% of the course length) allowed for students to complete each course at satisfactory academic progress stated below:

COURSE	MAXIMUM TIME ALLOWED		
	WEEKS	SCHEDULED HOURS	
Cosmetology (Full time, 35 hrs/wk)	1250 Hours	52 weeks	1820
Cosmetology (Part time, 20 hrs/wk)	1250 Hours	78 weeks	1560
Esthetics (Full time, 35 hrs/wk)	450 Hours	19 weeks	665
Esthetics (Part time, 20 hrs/wk)	450 Hours	28 weeks	560
Nail Technician (Part time, 21 hr/wk)	300 Hours	18 weeks	378
Teacher (Full time, 35 hrs/wk)	600 Hours	25 weeks	875
Teacher (Part time, 21 hrs/wk)	600 Hours	38 weeks	608

The school define it's academic year as 900 clock hours and 26 weeks.

The maximum time allowed for transfer students who need less than full course requirements or part time students will be determined based on 70% of the scheduled contract hours.

Students who have not completed the course within the maximum time frame may continue as a student at the institution on cash pay basis.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS EVALUATION

The qualitative element used to determine academic progress is a reasonable system of grades as determined by assigned academic learning. Students as assigned academic learning and a minimum number of practical experiences. Academic learning is evaluated after each unit of study. Practical assignments are evaluated as completed and counted toward course completion only when rated as satisfactory or better (the computer system will reflect completion of practical assignment as 100% rating). If the performance does not meet satisfactory requirements, it is not counted and the performance must be repeated. At least two comprehensive practical skills evaluations will be conducted during the course of study. Practical skills are evaluated according to text procedures and evaluation criteria adopted by the school. Student must maintain a written grade average of 70% and pass a Final written and practical exam prior to graduation. Student must makeup failed or missed tests and incomplete assignments. Numerical grades are considered according to the following scale:

100% - 93%	=	A	77% - 70%	=	D
92% - 85%	=	B	69% and below	=	F
84% - 78%	=	C			

DETERMINATION OF PROGRESS STATUS

Students meeting the minimum requirements for academics and attendance at the evaluation point are considered to be making satisfactory academic progress until the next scheduled evaluation. Students are evaluated monthly and receive a hard copy Progress Report throughout their enrollment. A signed copy is maintained in the student file. At the time of each evaluation point, Satisfactory Academic Progress is discussed with the student. If Satisfactory Academic Progress is not maintained, the form is signed and retained in the student file. Students deemed not maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress may have their Title IV Funding interrupted, unless the student is on a warning or has prevailed upon appeal resulting in a status of probation.

WARNING

Students who fail to meet minimum requirements for attendance or academic progress are placed on warning and considered to be making satisfactory academic progress while during the warning period. The student will be advised in writing on the actions required to attain satisfactory academic progress by the next evaluation. If at the end of the warning period, the student has still not met both the attendance and academic requirements, he/she may be placed on probation and, if applicable, students may be deemed ineligible to receive Title IV funds.

PROBATION

Students who fail to meet minimum requirements for attendance or academic progress after the warning will be placed on probation and considered to be making satisfactory academic progress while during probationary period., if the student appeals the decision, and prevails upon appeal. Additionally, only students who have the ability to meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy standards by the end of the evaluation period may be placed on probation. Students placed on an academic plan must be able to meet requirements set forth in the academic plan by the end of the next evaluation period. Students who

are progressing according to their specific academic plan will be considering making satisfactory academic progress. The student will be advised in writing of the actions required to attain satisfactory academic progress by the next evaluation. If at the end of the probationary period, the student has still not met the attendance and academic requirements required for satisfactory academic progress or by the academic plan. He/she will be determined as NOT making satisfactory academic progress and. If applicable, students will not be deemed eligible to receive Title IV funds.

RE_ESTABLISHMENT OF SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Students may re-establish satisfactory academic progress and Title IV aid, as applicable, by meeting minimum attendance and academic requirements by the end of the warning or probationary period.

INTERRUPTIONS, COURSE INCOMPLETES, WITHDRAWALS

If enrollment is temporarily interrupted for a Leave of Absence, the student will return to school in the same progress status as prior to the leave of absence. Hours elapsed during a leave of absence will extend the student's contract period and maximum time frame by the same number of days taken in the leave of absence and will not be included in the student's cumulative attendance percentage calculation. Re-entry from any approved leave of absence will be documented as such and proof from a doctor (if medical) will be required. Reestablishment or status will require the student make up assignments, test, etc. to maintain 70% average and minimum hours of probation period. Students who withdraw prior to completion of the course and wish to re-enroll will return in the same satisfactory academic progress status as at the time of withdrawal.

APPEAL PROCEDURE

If a student is determined to not be making satisfactory academic progress, the student may appeal the determination within ten calendar days. Reasons for which students may appeal a negative

progress determination include death of a relative, an injury or illness of the student, or any other allowable special or mitigating circumstance. The student must submit a written appeal to the school Director. The written appeal must include why they failed to meet satisfactory academic progress standards, along with supporting documentation of the reasons why the determination should be reversed. This information should include what has changed about the student's situation that will allow them to achieve Satisfactory Academic Progress by the next evaluation point. Appeal documents will be reviewed and a decision will be made and reported to the student within 30 calendar days. The appeal and decision documents will be retained in the student file. The decision of the Director shall be final. If the student prevails upon appeal, the satisfactory academic progress determination will be reversed and federal financial aid will be reinstated, if applicable.

COURSE INCOMPLETES, REMEDIAL COURSES, REPETITIONS

Course incompletes, remedial courses, and repetitions do not apply to this institution. Therefore, these items have no effect upon the school's satisfactory academic progress standards.

TRANSFER HOURS

With regard to Satisfactory Academic Progress, a student's transfer hours will be counted as both attempted and earned hours for the purpose of determining when the allowable maximum time frame has been exhausted.

To assist students to meet satisfactory academic progress, Altoona Beauty School evaluate progress monthly. If a student is not making progress, he/she will be informed by the Financial Aid Officer. The student will be placed on an Altoona Beauty School probation. The student will have one month from warning to increase attendance and/or academic averages to the required 70%. If the student fails to make progress the following month, he/she will be terminated. A student who has been placed on Altoona Beauty School probation three times during enrollment will be terminated the following time.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

COSMETOLOGY:

All students must complete the Altoona Beauty School enrollment application, school visits and a \$50.00 non-refundable application fee. Altoona Beauty School admits as regular students; High school graduates, and holders of high school graduation General Equivalency certificates. Altoona Beauty School does not accept students with the Ability to Benefit. Unfamiliar High School diplomas will be verified by the Altoona Beauty School. Foreign diplomas must be translated.

Require 1250 hours and schooling shall be no less than eight months. In doing this, the program provides the general skills of hairdressing and their practical shop applications. Completion of the course work will prepare the graduate to take the state boards to be licensed.

TRANSFERS Credit hours will be given up to 800 hours with an official transcript from previously attended school. All students wishing to transfer hours in to Altoona Beauty School will be required to complete the following prior to enrollment:

- Provide an official transcript of hours
- Successfully pass a theory and practical exam
- Student affected by a school closure, hours will be determined on case by case basis.

Upon completion of exams, the student will be notified by the Admissions Department of the results. In order to transfer 800 clock hours the student must have a 70% or higher on both theory and practical exams. Should the results be less than 70%, transfer hours of 400 will be accepted. Hours will be determined by the school Director. Reciprocity will be accepted with proof of current state's license.

RE-ENROLLMENT

Any student previously withdrawn from the institution and wishes to re-enroll at Altoona Beauty School must meet the following requirements. Wait 180 days to re-enroll (if Title IV recipient), notify Altoona Beauty School of desired start date, enroll full time, and complete payment of application fee. If the student does not meet these requirements, he/she will not be accepted. The Director has the final say in re-enrolling any student.

CURRICULUM

Your professional Image.....	30	hours
Bacteriology, Sterilization, Sanitation.....	55	hours
Properties of the hair & scalp.....	35	hours
Draping & shampooing.....	40	hours
Haircutting.....	195	hours
Fingerwaving.....	20	hours
Wet hairstyling.....	50	hours
Thermal Hairstyling.....	50	hours
Permanent Waving.....	120	hours
Haircoloring & Hairlightening	140	hours
Wigs and Hairpieces	15	hours
Manicuring & Nail Disorders.....	100	hour
Skin & Skin Disorders.....	50	hours
Facials & Makeup.....	55	hours
Removing Unwanted Hair.....	20	hours
Cells, Anatomy, Physiology.....	50	hours
Electricity.....	25	hours
Chemistry.....	50	hours
Salon Management.....	50	hours
State Laws.....	50	hours
Rules & Regulations.....	50	hours
Total.....	1250	hour

ESTHETICIAN

The school admits high school graduates or holders of GED. Altoona Beauty School does not accept students with the Ability to Benefit. Unfamiliar High School diplomas will be verified by the Altoona Beauty School. Foreign diplomas must be translated. Required 450 hours of training. The course prepares graduates to work as skin care specialists in spas, salons, medical offices. They may choose to open their own salon. This program impacts general skills of skin care techniques available today. Completion of course work listed below will prepare the graduate to take a state board examination to become a licensed Esthetician.

TRANSFERS

Credit hours will be given up to 50 hours with an official transcript from previously attended school. All students wishing to transfer hours in to Altoona Beauty School will be required to complete the following prior to enrollment:

- Provide an official transcript of hours
- Student affected by a school closure, hours will be determined on case by case basis

Hours to complete will be determined by the school Director.

Reciprocity will be accepted with proof of current state's license.

RE-ENROLLMENT

Any student previously withdrawn from the institution and wishes to re-enroll at Altoona Beauty School must meet the following requirements. Wait 180 days to re-enroll (if Title IV recipient), notify Altoona Beauty School of desired start date, enroll full time, and complete payment of application fee. If the student does not meet these requirements, he/she will not be accepted. The Director has the final say in re-enrolling any student.

CURRICULUM

Professional Practices.....120 hours

Sciences.....	100 hours
Facial Treatments.....	150 hours
Temporary Hair Removal.....	40 hours
Make up.....	40 hours
Total.....	450 hours

TEACHER

TRAINING

Those enrolling in the Teacher Training Program must be a high school diploma/GED. Altoona Beauty School does not accept students with the Ability to Benefit. Unfamiliar High School diplomas will be verified by the Altoona Beauty School. Foreign diplomas must be translated. They must also hold a PA Nail Technology, Cosmetology, or Esthetician license. Required 600 additional hours after specialized training. The Teacher Training program prepares the graduate to become a licensed teacher in the State of Pennsylvania. The 600 hours will train potential teachers in the tools and knowledge necessary for the development of their specialized area; Nail Technology, Esthetician, or Cosmetology. Students in this program will learn how to prepare, organize, and present appropriate courses.

Completion of the course work listed below will prepare the graduate to take a state board examination to become a licensed teacher.

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CURRICULUM

Administrative Techniques & Salon Management	100 hours
Classroom Management	70 hours
Teaching Plans, Methods, Testing	65 hours
Lesson Planning	100 hours
Teaching & Learning Principles	40 hours
Developing a Course of Study	35 hours
Professional Conduct	50 hours
Teacher Maturity	40 hours
Orientation of Instructing, Laws, Rules & Regs.....	100 hours
Total	600 hours

NAIL TECHNOLOGY

The school admits high school graduates and holders of high school equivalency certificates. Altoona Beauty School does not accept students with the Ability to Benefit. Unfamiliar High School diplomas will be verified by the Altoona Beauty School. Foreign diplomas must be translated

The nail technology program is designed to prepare the student with knowledge of nail structure, diseases and imperfections, various nail technology techniques, nail wrapping, and sculptured nails.

Completion of this course work is listed below will prepare the graduate to take a State Board Examination to become a licensed Nail Technician.

TRANSFERS

Credit hours will be given up to 50 hours with an official transcript from previously attended school. All students wishing to transfer hours in to Altoona Beauty School will be required to complete the following prior to enrollment:

- Provide an official transcript of hours
- Students affected by school closure, hours will be determined on a case by case basis.

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CURRICULUM

Hygiene, Bacteriology, Sterilization & Sanitation.....	35 hours
The Nail & Disorders.....	50 hours
Practice of Manicuring & Pedicuring.....	80 hours
Advance Nail Techniques.....	50 hours
Anatomy & Physiology.....	15 hours
Salon Business.....	40 hours
State laws, Rules & Regulations.....	30 hours
Total.....	300 hours

ELECTROLOGY

PROGRAM

This is a non-accredited, non-licensed course. This is a 126 hour course, which leads to a diploma. No State Licensing. This program is

designed to train students in the skill of permanent hair removal. Altoona Beauty School does not accept transfer hours for Electrology Program.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Periodically Guest speakers relating to the Beauty Industry visit students. That person may be a color technician, a salon owner, a stylist, product rep, a member of the state board, etc. They bring the latest techniques and beauty trends to our school.

Altoona Beauty School conducts in school competitions. They provide students with the excitement and motivation. Some of our students go on to compete at the State and National levels.

Annually Altoona Beauty School attends the International Hair Show in New York City or Long Beach, CA. Students are encouraged, but not required to attend. We also attend local and state hair shows throughout the year.

Graduation ceremonies are held three times per year. A Christmas party is held during school hours. Monthly achievement awards are presented to the student body. Including the NaB Business Student of the Month Award. The NaB Business Student of the Month will receive a certificate. Certificates of Recognition are given for all other awards such as Top Attendance, A+ advertiser, and Student Vouchers!

We encourage our students to participate in community service projects throughout the year. Some of our activities include; food drives for local food bank, or collections for the humane society.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Once every quarter students are counseled on attendance, grades, and personal achievements. Students are encouraged to seek help from the Supervisor if they are having a problem with an instructor or fellow student, at any time.

TUITION AND FEES

Altoona Beauty School accepts the following methods of payment: cash, credit card, money order, check, Title IV, OVR funds, scholarships, Veterans benefits and 529 plans. All students may purchase kit and books on their own provided obtain exact same as ABS kit & books. Must inform Director at orientation.

COSMETOLOGY: Required 1250 hours, attending at least eight months, high school diploma and/or GED equivalency.

\$15625.00	Tuition for hours
\$50.00 *paid at orientation	Application Fee
\$2032.00	Books and Kit
\$93.00	State Board Fee
\$100.00	Registration Fee (Non Refundable after 3 business days)
\$17900.00	
\$3000.00	DownPayment
\$14225.00	8 monthly payments of \$1856.25

ESTHETICIAN PROGRAM:

Required 450 hours of training, high school diploma and/or

GED equivalency.

\$5625.00	Tuition for hour
\$50.00 *paid at orientation	Application Fee
\$889.00	Kit and Books
\$93.00	State Board Fee
\$100.00	Registration fee (Non Refundable after 3 business days)
\$6707.00	Down Payment
\$2000.00	2 monthly payments of
\$4707.00	\$2353.50

TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM:

Additional 600 hours after Specialized license such as Nail Technician, Esthetician or Cosmetology is obtained.

\$7500.00	Tuition for hours
\$50.00 *paid at orientation	Application Fee
\$725.35	Books and Kit
\$93.00	State Board Fee
\$100.00	Registration Fee (non-refundable after 3 days)
\$8418.35	DownPayment
\$1800.00	Four monthly payments of
\$6618.35	\$1654.59

NAIL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM:

300 hour program high school diploma and/or GED equivalency.

\$3750.00	Tuition for hours
\$50.00 *paid at orientation	Application Fee
\$797.00	Kits and Books
\$93.00	State Board Fee
\$100.00	Registration Fee (non-refundable after 3 days)
\$4740.00	
\$1600.00	Down Payment
\$3140.00	Two monthly payments of \$1570.00

ELECTROLOGY PROGRAM: 126 hours minimum training

\$1575.00	
\$50.00 *paid at orientation	Tuition for hours
\$418.00	Application Fee
\$100.00	Kit and Books
\$2093.00	Registration fee (non refundable after 3 days)
\$1046.50	Down Payment
\$1046.50	payment due 1/2 way through

COSMETOLOGY REFRESHER PROGRAM: 100 HOURS

\$1250.00	Tuition
\$50.00 *paid at orientation	Application Fee
**based on individual needs	Kit and books (optional)
\$100.00	Registration Fee
\$1350.00	Due orientation day

REFUND POLICY

For applicants who cancel enrollment or students who withdraw from enrollment a fair and equitable settlement will apply. The following policy will apply to all terminations for any reason, by either party, including student decision, course or program cancellation, or school closure. Any monies due the applicant or students shall be refunded within 30 calendar days of official cancellation or withdrawal. Official cancellation or withdrawal shall occur on the earlier of the dates that:

1. An applicant is not accepted by the school. The applicant shall be entitled to a refund of all monies paid. (Excluding a non-refundable \$50.00 application fee).
2. A student (or legal guardian) cancels his/her enrollment in writing within three business days of signing the enrollment agreement. In case all monies collected by the school shall be refunded, (excluding a non-refundable \$50.00 application fee) regardless of whether or not the student has actually started classes.
3. A student cancels his/her enrollment after three business days of signing the contract but prior to starting classes. In these cases he/she shall be entitled to a refund of all monies paid to the school less the \$100.00 registration fee. (Excluding a non-refundable \$50.00 application fee).
4. A student notifies the institution of his/her withdrawal in writing.

5. A student on an approved leave of absence notifies the school that he/she will not be returning. The date of withdrawal shall be the earlier of the date of expiration of the leave of absence or the date the student notifies the institution that the student will not be returning.

6. A student is expelled by the school. (Unofficial withdrawals will be determined by the institution by monitoring attendance at least every 30 days.) Any student not in attendance fourteen consecutive days will be withdrawn.

7. In type 2, 3, 4, or 5, official cancellation or withdrawals will be determined by the postmark on the written notification, or the date said notification is delivered to the school administrator or owner in person.

For students who enroll in and begin classes, but prior to course completion (after three business days of signing contract), the following schedule of tuition earned by the school applies. All refunds are based on scheduled hours:

Percentage of Enrollment to Total Time of Course	Amount of Tuition Owed Time to the School
0.01% to 4.9%.....	20%
5% to 9.9%.....	30%
10% to 14.9%.....	40%
15% to 24.9%.....	45%
25% to 49.9%.....	70%
50% and Over.....	100%

4. All refunds will be calculated based on the students last date of attendance. Any monies due to the student shall be refunded within 30 calendar days of a determination that a student has withdrawn, whether officially or unofficially. A withdrawal/termination of fee of \$150.00 will be charged.

5. Kit and books are 100% refundable if cancellation occurs within three business days of signing contract, or after three days but prior to starting class. If a student withdrawals during the first week of school he/she will receive refund, less 10% of kit and books, provided they

are in good condition and unmarked. A student who withdraws after the first week of school will not be eligible to return kit and books for a refund.

6. If the school cancels a course and/or program and ceases to offer instruction after students have enrolled and instruction has begun, the school shall at its option:

- Provide a pro rata refund for all students transferring to another school based on the hours accepted by the receiving school; or
- Provide completion of the course and/or program; or
- Participate in a Teach – Out Agreement: or
- Provide a full refund of all monies paid

If a course and/or program is cancelled subsequent to a student's enrollment, and before instruction in the course and/or program has begun, the school shall have its option:

- Provide a full refund of all monies paid; or
- Provide completion of the course and/or program

If a school closes permanently and ceases to offer instruction after students have enrolled, and instruction has begun, the school must make arrangements for students. The school has at it's option:

- Provide a pro rata refund; or
- Participate in a Teach-Out Agreement

The Financial Aid Office is required by federal statute to recalculate federal financial aid eligibility for students who withdraw, drop out, are dismissed, or take a leave of absence prior to completing 60% of a payment period or term. The federal Title IV financial aid programs must be recalculated in these situations.

If a student leaves the institution prior to completing 60% of a payment period or term, the financial aid office recalculates eligibility for Title IV funds. Recalculation is based on the percentage of earned aid using the following Federal Return of Title IV funds formula:

Percentage of payment period or term completed = the number of days completed up to the withdrawal date divided by the total days in the payment period or term. (Any break of five days or more is not counted as part of the days in the term.) This percentage is also the percentage of earned aid.

Funds are returned to the appropriate federal program based on the percentage of unearned aid using the following formula. Aid to be returned = (100% of aid that could be disbursed minus the percentage of earned aid) multiplied by the total amount of aid that could have been disbursed during the payment period or term.

If a student earned less aid than was disbursed, the institution would be required to return a portion of the funds and the student would be required to return a portion of the funds. Keep in mind that when Title IV funds are returned, the student borrower may owe a debit balance to the institution. Student will receive written documentation of balances due and date due. Balances not paid timely, will be turned over to our collection agency with a \$50.00 collection fee added. If a student earned more aid than was disbursed to him/her, the institution would owe the student a post-withdrawal disbursement, which must be paid within 120 days of the student's withdrawal. Any refund due to Title IV HEA programs will be done in the following order:

- 1) Unsubsidized Direct Student Loans
- 2) Subsidized Direct Student Loans
- 3) Federal PLUS Loans
- 4) Federal Pell Grant

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

OWNER BEAUTY SCHOOL, STATE BOARD MEMBER, COLOR TECHNICIAN, PLATFORM ARTIST, DISTRIBUTOR, SALON OWNER, SUPERVISOR BEAUTY SCHOOL, TEACHER PRIVATE SCHOOL, TEACHER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, ELECTROLOGIST, ESTHETICIAN, SALON MANAGER, HAIR STYLIST, SPA OWNER, SALON OWNER CHAIN, COMPANY SALES REPRESENTATIVE, NAIL TECHNICIAN, MAKE UP ARTIST, BEAUTY DIRECTOR, PERMANENT WAVE TECHNICIAN, STATE BOARD INSPECTOR.

HARASSMENT POLICY

All complaints of harassment will be properly investigated and if warranted swift appropriate corrective action will be taken. Any student or staff member who harasses another person on Altoona Beauty School property, shall be subject to a hearing before the President and Director of Education and the accuser. Harassment can be based on race, creed, religion, sex, age, financial status or disability. The accuser must complete a “Harassment Complaint Form” and submit it to the President or Director of Altoona Beauty School. After the hearing, Altoona Beauty School will determine whether or not the act qualifies as harassment. Depending on the severity of the action the harasser will receive either; written warning, suspension, expulsion, or local law enforcement agencies will be notified.

JUST FOR YOU

Theory class is a time for hitting the books and participating in class. But upon completion of the theory program, our graduates have a well rounded understanding of beauty salon services from shampooing, haircutting, facials, styling, perming, coloring, ect. These services are first started on manikins and fellow students. Then comes the big day when you get your first client. You will be under the direct supervision of our instructors. It is here you develop your practical skills speed, and confidence enabling you to proceed out of school into a rewarding career as a professional hair stylist, nail technician, or esthetician. If you want a career that can keep you at home in a small salon, or a career that can make you a platform artist. Get started in your professional career today!

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

Approved for Veteran’s Benefits – permits any covered individual to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the individual provides to Altoona Beauty School a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 31 or 33 (a “certificate of eligibility” can also include a “Statement of Benefits” obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs” (VA) website e-benefits, or a VAF 28-1905 form chapter 31 authorization purposes) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

1. The date on which payment from VA is made to the institution.
2. 90 days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.

Altoona Beauty School will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, or any covered individual because of the individual’s inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed funding from VA under chapter 31 or 33.

Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation

Pell Grants

Direct (Student) Loans

PA Forward Loans

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