

# Competency-Based Vs. Clock Hours

## What is the Difference?

In Oregon, there are two types of cosmetology schools. Both Clock-hour and Competency- Based schools will give you the ability to obtain an Oregon license in Hair Design, Nail Technology, or Esthetics.

### **Clock Hours**

Clock- hour schools require a student to attend school for a minimum amount of hours to graduate from their programs. The Oregon hourly requirements are as follows: Hair Design 1700 hours, Nail Technology 600 hours, and Esthetics 500 hours. This type of school requires you to complete the clock hours regardless of how well your skills develop during your education.

### **Competency-Based**

Competency schools are based on your technical and written skills. Through practical (hands-on) and written test requirements, the school can determine if a student has reached a "competent" level. It is the choice of the student if they want to continue to gain hours and additional salon experience, or graduate at the "competent" level. It will give the student the choice to own their own education and graduate when they are ready. This creates the ability to graduate at a much faster pace than a traditional Clock- hour school.

### **How to decide which is best for you?**

Portland Beauty School has a very dedicated staff willing to work with each student to help determine what is best for your goals. You have the ability to graduate early (Competency-Based) or stay with us until you complete your clock-hours. A decision does not have to be made right away, you can take time after you enroll to figure out what is going to be best for you and your career.

**Portland Beauty School's Competency-Based program is approved and licensed through the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. We are also registered with the Better Business Bureau with an A+ Rating!**