

Portland Beauty School Pre-Enrollment Information

Before enrollment into one of the courses offered by Portland Beauty School, we would like to provide you with the following information in order to assist you in making a solid academic choice, as you begin making plans for an exciting future in the field of Cosmetology.

Placement Rates

Portland Beauty School offers placement services to our students by providing them with direct referrals for employment, to salon owners. Based upon our favorable reputation in the Portland Metropolitan and Vancouver, Washington areas, Portland Beauty School has positive relationships with many spas and salons who seek out our graduates for employment. In addition, Portland Beauty School posts employment opportunities in our student break room. Portland Beauty School will also gladly provide a strong reference to students who excel in their areas of study. Portland Beauty School does not guarantee employment upon completion of our Cosmetology program. Our current rate when placing students in employment positions is approximately 100%.

Completion Rates

Our student completion rates for licensing and employment rates are excellent. This is because we are personally concerned for each one of our students. We make every effort to provide assistance in the form of referrals, resources and networking opportunities to remove the roadblocks which impede completion of their Cosmetology program. Currently, our students are completing their programs at a rate of 89%. Reason cited by former students for not completing their course of study include financial difficulties and job relocations.

Pass/Fail Rates

Portland Beauty School has a very successful passing rate for students who complete our Cosmetology and Massage Therapy programs. Currently, our passing rate for students who both complete our courses, study for the test in our school facility, and take their written test with Oregon Health Licensing agency is 90%. Students who do not pass their test for licensing are welcome to come back to the school and study for their test until they are ready to retest.

Compensation

When a fully licensed Cosmetology (Hair Design, Nail Technology and Esthetics) and Massage Therapy student graduates from Portland Beauty School and enters the beauty industry and begins employment, there are a variety of positions offered. As an Independent Contractor, a station may be obtained from a salon for a flat monthly fee. The individual contractor is responsible for scheduling appointments, furnishing supplies and paying for all health insurance and applicable taxes. For a salaried position in the following Cosmetology and Massage Therapy fields in Oregon, one might expect the following annual salary compensations:

Nail Technician-Oregon state average annual salary \$23,561
Hair Stylist/Cosmetologist- Oregon state average annual salary \$29,649
Esthetician- Oregon state average annual salary \$40,000
Massage Therapist- Oregon state average annual salary \$53,260

If the practitioner is paid an hourly wage, they should also anticipate the employer withholding part of their compensation and paying Social Security and payroll taxes. For a commissioned position, the practitioner would receive a commission or a percentage of the earnings for services which they performed on the clientele. This percentage depends on the owner and employee agreement, which usually split 50/50 and 40% to 60% in favor of the employee. In this situation, the employer usually withholds and pays Social Security and Income tax. Always have a clear understanding of this matter prior to entering into a commissioned position.

Physical Demands of the Industry

As a Hair Stylist, Esthetician, Nail Technician, Barber, Massage Therapist or Instructor in aforementioned fields, the largest portion of time spent working on clients requires standing, walking and extensive use of one's hands. As a result, the practitioner should take preventative measures to condition and nurture the wellbeing of their hands and feet to maintain optimal health and functionality.

Safety Requirements

During the first day of class, safety requirements for each course are taught. This informs the students on how to safely store and use chemicals and equipment that may be used during their training. Prospective students, who have a condition that might be adversely affected by long periods of standing or sitting, or being exposed to chemicals used in the beauty industry, should obtain a doctors release before enrolling in, or continuing school. An example of such health conditions that may require checking with your doctor would be asthma, pregnancy, and allergic reactions to odors from certain chemicals used in the school. Persons at risk with health, nervous, or emotional conditions should consult a physician before considering enrollment.

Licensing Requirements

Upon the completion of the course requirements in a cosmetology school, the student is required to take the Oregon Health Licensing or Oregon Board of Massage Therapist examination. A minimum grade of 75% is required for passing all program examinations. All expenses incurred from appearing for the state board examinations are the responsibility of the student.

Employment Opportunities

This school does not guarantee employment upon completion of a course or graduation. Individual career advisement is available to all students. The following is a list of employment opportunities available in Oregon for students who graduate and obtain a license of Cosmetology or Massage Therapy:

Education & Entertainment

Educator
Consultant/Trainer
School Owner
Make-Up Artist
Education Director
Film Stylist/Make-Up Artist
Theater, Fashion, Editorial
Stylist

Massage Day Spa

Massage Specialist
Spa Owner
Spa Manager
Private Practice
Chiropractic Clinic
Sports Massage
Physical Therapy Clinic

Salon

Hair Stylist
Barber
Esthetician
Make-Up Artist
Sales Representative
Color Specialist
Salon Owner