

Barber/Cosmetology

A 2-year, 8-credit WCTC Apprenticeship

What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a method of training based upon an arrangement between an employee (apprentice) and an employer (salon) enabling the apprentice to learn while earning an hourly wage. A contract is established between the salon and apprentice detailing the areas of training, hours of training and salary. The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards oversees this contract.

About the Apprenticeship

An indenture agreement is signed between a salon owner and apprentice for two years. The apprentice will work 36 hours and study four hours each week. All aspects of hair, skin and nails are covered, and the barber/cosmetologist works with current fashion trends to create a total look for men, women and children.

While working in the salon, the apprentice is also required to complete 288 classroom theory hours within 2-3 years at 4 hours per week.

Finding a Salon

Visit a salon and talk to the manager.

If he/she doesn't have time, then ask to set up an appointment. This may spark interest in hiring an apprentice.

- Dress professional when making salon visits.
- Bring a WCTC pamphlet explaining the apprenticeship program.
- Observe as much as possible about the salon.
- WCTC will provide a list of salons that take apprentices, call 262.691.5259.

Interviewing at the Salon

- Interview the employer by asking questions about their establishment.
- Does the environment feel friendly and seem professional?
- How much time per day/week will they be able to commit to training?
- Answer all their questions openly and honestly.
- Ask to spend a part of a day observing in their salon.

Required Courses

First Semester

502-502	Related Barber/Cosmetology I	2+
Total semester credits		2

Second Semester

502-503	Related Barber/Cosmetology II	2+
Total semester credits		2

Third Semester

502-504	Related Barber/Cosmetology III	2+
Total semester credits		2

Fourth Semester

502-505	Related Barber/Cosmetology IV	2+
Total semester credits		2

+ Proficiency exam available

A grade point of 2.0 (C) or better is required in all courses to complete program.

Curriculum is current as of catalog printing. The most current curriculum requirements for graduation will be provided upon admission to program, or review at www.wctc.edu.

Next Steps:

- Contact the Department of Workforce Development to receive the apprenticeship application packet.
Dept. of Workforce Development
819 N. 6th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53203
414.227.4973
- Once the paperwork is submitted, contact Waukesha County Technical College at 262.691.5259.

After the permit has been issued by the Department of Regulation and Licensing, work can begin in the salon. Prior to this permit being issued, any hours worked in the salon will not count toward the apprenticeship. A permit is required to engage in barber/cosmetology work.

Barber / Cosmetology Required Courses

502-502 Related Barber/Cosmetology I 2
Examine topics related to the structure and chemical composition of hair and the scalp, including the treatment of disorders and the skills for performing a proper shampoo. Become familiar with basic chemistry concepts. Identify body systems and focus on the bones, muscles, and nerves affected during a scalp treatment or nail service. Practice different procedures that are used on nails. Learn to recognize various nail irregularities, disorders, and diseases in order to determine when to continue a service and when to refer a client to a physician.

502-503 Related Barber/Cosmetology II 2
Study the design decisions that need to be made to develop appropriate hairstyles for a client, including those related to body structure, facial structure, and hair fabric. Become familiar with the techniques and design elements associated with seven basic haircuts. Identify dexterity, procedures, and techniques in each of the four disciplines of hairstyling: thermal styling, fingerwaving, pin curling, and roller setting. Practice the communication skills needed to perform a consultation that assures client satisfaction. Learn the appropriate safety practices for salon services. Prerequisites: 502-502

502-504 Related Barber/Cosmetology III 2
Gain an in-depth understanding of hair color and chemical texturizing (permanent waving and chemical relaxing) theory. Study the physical and chemical changes that occur in hair as each service is performed. Explore the responsibilities of owning a salon, and develop a personal career-building plan. Prerequisites: 502-503

502-505 Related Barber/Cosmetology IV 2
Become familiar with wigs and hair additions enabling students to meet the sensitive needs of a client experiencing hair loss or simply a desire to change styles. Take an in-depth look at skin care, hair removal, and make-up. Study the anatomy of the face in order to be able to accurately perform related services. Explore the basic principles of electricity in an effort to better understand the safe handling of appliances in the salon. Review barber/cosmetology law and its applications. Prerequisites: 502-504