

# Nail Technology

## Mission

The faculty believes in the right and privilege of individual access to occupational education designed to prepare individuals for successful and productive citizenship. This education and training should provide individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to excel professionally and personally, experience personal and professional satisfaction, and contribute to a better society. The Nail Technology program encourages the growth and development of each individual as a person, a professional, and a citizen.

## Purpose

The purpose of the Nail Technology program is to provide accessible, quality educational opportunities that will provide individuals with the knowledge, technical skills, and attitudes necessary to obtain entry-level employment in the nail technology profession. The certificate program is designed to produce graduates who, when licensed, are prepared for entry-level careers as manicurists, nail technicians, nail artists, or receptionists.

Program graduates are to be competent in the technical areas of manicuring, pedicuring, artificial nail applications, and nail design. Reid State Technical College will accomplish program objectives by providing students with comprehensive technical training in the core area of nail technology. The program is carefully constructed to provide the student with skills and knowledge required for the Alabama Board of Cosmetology licensure examination. The occupational skill preparation should meet the Alabama Board of Cosmetology recognized skill standards. The college will ensure program quality through internal certification of graduate competencies and external licensure of graduates and program approval by the Alabama Board of Cosmetology.

The philosophy and purpose of the Nail Technology program is consistent with that of the governing institution.

## Employment Outlook

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook 2010-2011 Edition*, barbers, cosmetologists, and other personal appearance workers held 684,200 jobs. Of these, manicurists and pedicurists held 76,000 jobs. Most of these workers are employed in personal care services establishments such as beauty salons, nail salons, day and resort spas. Others were employed in nursing and other residential care homes. Nearly every town has a beauty salon, but employment in this occupation is concentrated in the most populous cities and states.

About 44 percent personal appearance workers are self-employed. Many of these workers own their own salon, but a growing number of the self-employed lease booth space or a chair from the salon's owner. In this case, workers provide their own supplies and are responsible for paying their own taxes and benefits.

Personal appearance workers will grow by 20 percent from 2008-2018, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. Manicurists and pedicurists meanwhile will grow by 19 percent, faster than the average. Employment trends are expected to vary; service spas and nail salons will also generate numerous job openings for manicurists and pedicurists. Job opportunities generally should be good, particularly for licensed personal appearance workers seeking entry-level positions.

### National estimates for this occupation:

Median hourly wages in May 2008 for manicurists and pedicurists including tips and commission are \$9.46. The middle 50 percent earned between \$8.08 and \$12.00. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$7.46, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$15.66. The annual estimated earnings are between \$15,500 and \$32,600.

### State (Alabama) estimates for this occupation:

Median hourly wages in May 2008 for manicurists and pedicurists including tips and commission are \$8.84. The middle 50 percent earned between \$7.76 and \$9.87. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$6.70, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$14.99. The annual estimated earnings are between \$13,900 and \$31,200.

## Program Outcome Objectives

1. Program graduates will be proficient in communication, computation, and interpersonal skills.
2. Program graduates will be technically proficient.
3. Program graduates will be able to obtain licensure by the Alabama State Board of Cosmetology.
4. Program graduates will be successfully employed in the field.
5. Employers of program graduates will be satisfied with their education and training.

## Admission Requirement

Applicants to this program must complete the application procedures and be 16 years of age. While a high school diploma, in accordance with State Board policy, or GED is the preferred entry requirement, the applicant may be admitted provided he or she presents official transcripts documenting completion of 10th grade and promotion to the 11th, and demonstration of ability-to-benefit on a standardized, federally-approved entrance test.

## Admission Requirement

1. Must be at least 16 years of age.
2. Application for Admission from the Office of Student Services.
3. Official high school transcript or GED and college transcript(s).
4. Applicants are required to take the Compass Exam.
5. While a high school diploma or GED is the preferred entry requirement, the applicant may be admitted provided he or she:
  - a. Present official transcript documenting completion of the 10th grade and promotion to the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - b. Pass the Ability-to-Benefit (ATB) on a standardized, federally approved entrance test. Applicants admitted under the ATB provision must obtain the GED prior to graduation.

Exam schedule and GED testing may be obtained from the Testing Coordinator.

## Grading Scale for Cosmetology

The Alabama Board of Cosmetology required a grade of at least 70% to pass licensure examinations.

90 – 100 = A

80 – 89 = B

70 – 79 = C

Below 70 = F

## Program Costs

Tuition/Fees	\$2,213.12
Books	400.00
Tools and Supplies	355.00
Lab Jacket	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$2,988.12

## Licensure Requirements

Upon completion of the Nail Technology program required courses, the student will be eligible to apply for the Alabama Board of Cosmetology Exam. The ABOC requires:

1. Application for the written exam.
2. Seventy-five dollars (\$75) fee for written exam; money order or cashier's check or certified check **(fee is nonrefundable)**.
3. Copy of driver's license and social security card.
4. One (1) recent 2x2 passport photo.
5. Proof of program's completion (transcripts)

Within 90 days after a student completes the required school instructional hours and training, the appropriate instructor shall schedule an examination of the student with the Board. If application for examination is not received within a 90 day period, the applicable instructional hours and training shall be invalidated. A student who has completed 70 percent of the required school instructional hours may, when school is not in session, may receive a permit to work in a cosmetology salon.

## Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit for High School Students

Eligible high school students may enroll in Nail Technology classes and receive college credit. Students who present transcript documentation for completion of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and promotion to the 12<sup>th</sup> may enroll in classes being offered during the summer semester.

## **CERTIFICATE – Nail Technology**

**MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED: 19 Semester Credit Hours**

**Length of Program: 1 Semester of full-time attendance**

**GENERAL EDUCATION: 0 Semester Credit Hours**

**TECHNICAL CONCENTRATION: 19 Semester Credit Hours**

	Theory	Lab	Contact	Credit
ORT100	Orientation			
	1	0	1	1

The student is strongly recommended to take ENG100 Vocational Technical English and MAH101 Vocational Technical Math.

**TECHNICAL CONCENTRATION: 18 Semester Credit Hours**

COS119	Business of Cosmetology	3	0	3	3
COS151	Nail Care	1	2	5	3
COS152	Nail Care Applications	0	3	9	3
COS153	Nail Art	1	2	5	3
COS154	Nail Art Applications	0	3	9	3
COS167	State Board Review	1	2	5	3