

Pathway: Human Services – Cosmetology/Barbering

These programs are a good fit if you are creative, have good speaking and listening skills, work well with diverse groups of people, are organized, and like to help people.

Get the Facts:

Cosmetologists provide beauty services, such as shampooing, cutting, coloring, and styling hair, and massaging and treating scalp.

Barbers provide barbering services, such as cutting, trimming, shampooing, and styling hair, trimming beards, or giving shaves.

In Utah, a cosmetologist or barber must be licensed.

Workforce Trends:

Employment of Barbers, Hairdressers, and Cosmetologists is projected to Grow 10 percent from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations. Most job openings will result from the need to replace workers who leave the occupation.

Cosmetology/Barbering is:

- High demand
- High skill

The Utah statewide annual median wage:

Cosmetologist is \$26,460

College and Career:

Mountainland Applied Technology Center (MATC) offers a 13 month (1,600 attended hours) Cosmetology Program Certificate in preparation for the Utah State Cosmetology/Barber Licensure.

Students who complete this program will be trained in all cosmetology, barbering, basic esthetics, and basic nail training. Services include pedicures, manicures, nail enhancements, facials, facial makeup, waxing, hair cutting, hair coloring, hair lightening, scalp treatments, styling, shaving and much more.

This program enables students to apply their MATC certificate towards an Associates of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Technology at Utah Valley University (UVU).

Pathway: Human Services – Esthetician/Nail Technician

Get the Facts:

Nail Technicians work exclusively on the hands and feet, providing treatments to groom fingernails and toenails. They are trained in nail enhancements, sculpted UV gels, acrylic overlay, gel polish, and nail artistry.

They also perform pedicures to keep clients nails always looking nice. They must also keep their work area and tools clean and sanitary. Because looking and acting professional is an important part of being a Nail Technician, this program includes instruction on professionalism.

Workforce Trends:

Employment of Manicurists and Pedicurists is projected to GROW 10 percent from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations. New nail services being offered, such as mini-sessions and mobile manicures and pedicures, will drive employment growth. High turnover and a growing number of nail salons will result in very good job opportunities.

Esthetician/ Nail Technician is:

- High demand
- High skill

The Utah statewide annual median wage:

Nail Technician is \$ \$25,995

College and Career:

Mountainland Applied Technology Center (MATC) offers a 300 attended hours Nail Technician Program Certificate in preparation for Utah State Nail Technician Licensure (not required for completion).

Students receive valuable experience focused on artificial nail techniques, cosmetic chemistry, pedicure and manicures, and sanitation and safety procedures.