

**NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE  
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE  
PROGRAM INFORMATION AND COMPLETION GUIDE**

**Program Name:** Esthetics  
**Credential/Certification:** Certificate in Esthetics  
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**Program Description:** This is an approximately 32-week certificate program covering esthetics and spa therapy. It includes theory, infection control and hands-on training in facials, body massage, body treatments, aromatherapy, makeup artistry, waxing, lash lifting and tinting, brow tinting, manicures, pedicures, and gel polish and overlays.

Students will use the basic principles of anatomy, physiology, microbiology, and chemistry to support the applied learning required by the program. Electrotherapy and sanitation procedures will be discussed and integrated throughout their studies.

Students will also gain experience while performing services in a fully functioning on-site spa under the supervision of the esthetics instructor. They will learn the necessary business practices and teamwork skills needed for the profession while providing real-time practical client care.

In addition, the program will introduce students to the required business skills to run a salon or spa, explore career planning, and produce a professional quality portfolio to showcase their skills.

The program will prepare students to write the Beauty Council Western Canada licensing examinations (theory and practical) at the end of their training. The cost of this exam is not included in program fees.

This Program has a reading week which typically occurs during the last week of February each year.

**Admission Requirements:**

Math – one of the following:

BC Math 10 (minimum final grade of C+), or BC Math 11 or BC Math 12 (minimum final grade of C), or equivalent.

MATH 030 or higher, with a minimum final grade of C+, or equivalent.

English – one of the following:

BC Language Arts 10 Courses – 4 credits earned, minimum individual grade of C+, or equivalent.

BC Language Arts 11 Courses – 4 credits earned, minimum individual grade of C+, or equivalent.

BC Language Arts 12 Courses – 4 credits earned, minimum individual grade of C+, or equivalent.

ENGL 030 or higher, with a minimum final grade of C+, or equivalent.

IELTS score of 5.5 overall with no band less than 5.0 or equivalent English placement test and score.

Science – one of the following:

BC Science 10 (minimum final grade of C+), or equivalent.

SCIE 030 or higher, with a minimum final grade of C+, or equivalent.

OR

ESTR 037 (Intermediate-Level Essential Skills for Trades) with a minimum final grade of 67%.

OR

Canadian Adult Achievement Test (CAAT):

- Reading Comprehension: 11.0 grade equivalent or higher
- Number Operations: 11.0 grade equivalent or higher
- Problem Solving: 11.0 grade equivalent or higher
- Science: 11.00 grade equivalent or higher

Based on the results of the assessment(s), applicants may be required to participate in an assessment interview to determine admissibility. Interviews may be conducted virtually if necessary.

OR

Successful completion of the NLC POWER program.

**Length of Program:** (weeks and total hours) approx. 32 weeks, 934 hours

**Program Intake:** (start/finish dates) Refer to the Trades Intake Schedule

**Available Seats:** 16

**Application Deadline:** All completed applications must be received one month prior to the start of the program. Completed applications received after this date will be reviewed based on seat availability.

**Career Prospects:** The Esthetics industry offers career opportunities in areas such as, spa therapy, nail technician, demonstrator, sales representatives, salon proprietor, makeup artist, esthetician on a cruise ship, medical spa assistant, and spa management, among other opportunities. Students who complete this program will be eligible to take the Beauty Council licensing examination. This exam represents the industry's highest standard.

**Affiliations/Partnerships:** School Districts 59, 60 and 81.

**Location:** Dawson Creek

**Additional Requirements/Supplies:** (fees, supplies, materials)

Textbooks

NLC will provide each student with an Esthetics Kit which includes all the tools necessary for the program.

Students are required to have a computer (PC or laptop) with minimum computer requirements as listed on the NLC website ([www.nlc.bc.ca/Services/Information-Technology/minPC](http://www.nlc.bc.ca/Services/Information-Technology/minPC)).

**Eligibility for Canada Student Loans:** (Yes or No)

Yes

**Required Minimum Grade:** (overall and/or minimum within a course)

70%

**Residency Requirement:** (percentage of courses which must be taken at NLC)

100%

**Required Courses:** (list courses required to complete credential  
and total hours for each course)

ESTH 105 Esthetics and Spa Therapy 1 (455 hrs)

ESTH 115 Esthetics and Spa Therapy 2 (455 hrs)

COSM 102 Esthetics Portfolio (24 hrs)