

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

Program Name: Cosmetology
Credential/Certification: Diploma in Cosmetology
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Program Description: Cosmetologists provide personal care services that include caring for people's hair, skin and nails. Professionals employed in the cosmetology industry include hairstylists, barbers and estheticians. This diploma program takes students through the Esthetics group of skin and nail treatments, and Hairstylist training. The Hairstylist and Esthetics programs are each approximately 32 weeks in length and are combined with a professional portfolio course at the end to complete the 2-year diploma in Cosmetology.

Hairstylist and Esthetics both begin every September. Once a student completes one of the programs, they can proceed to the other in their second year (the order each are taken is not important).

Both programs have large practical components where students will spend time working in the NLC salons. Students will have theory, salon operations training and hands-on salon client days where they practice the skills they are learning in class.

Esthetics includes training in infection control, facials, body massage, body treatments, aromatherapy, makeup artistry, waxing, lash lift and tinting, brow tinting, manicures, pedicures, gel polish and overlays.

Hairstylist training covers the Industry Training Authority (ITA) certified apprenticeship programming including haircuts, styling, shampoo and scalp treatments, as well as chemically treating hair using colour and permanent wave solutions.

Throughout both these two programs, students will be working on their professional portfolio and at end they will produce a capstone project which will combine the two disciplines into a final project.

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.

OR

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

OR

Successful completion of the NLC POWER program.

OR

Completion of NLC's Certificate in Hairstylist Foundation program

OR

Completion of NLC's Certificate in Esthetics program.

Length of Program: (weeks and total hours) Approx. 64 weeks /1931 hours

Program Intake: (start/finish dates) See Trades Schedule

Available Seats: 16

Application Deadline: 30 days prior and on case by case basis pending availability

Career Prospects: A career in Cosmetology can lead to various professions in the beauty industry, including hairstylist, nail technician, salon or spa manager, beautician, wedding and event stylist, makeup artist, esthetician, cosmetic sales representative, instructor or beauty columnist. As with any profession, other opportunities exist within and outside the field.

Affiliations/Partnerships: Industry Training Authority, SD 59, 60, 81 and 87

Location: Dawson Creek

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

Basic equipment kits for both hairstyling and for esthetics are provided to each student at the beginning of each part of the two programs. These kits include tools necessary for each program.

Students are required to have a computer (laptop or other mobile device) with minimum computer requirements as listed on the NLC website
(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)

HAIR 101 Hairstylist Fundamentals (471 hrs)

HAIR 102 Hairstylist Salon Operations (472 hrs)

COSM 101 Hairstylist Portfolio (24 hrs)

ESTH 105 Esthetics and Spa Therapy 1 (455 hrs)

ESTH 115 Esthetics and Spa Therapy 2 (455 hrs)

COSM 102 Esthetics Portfolio (24 hrs)

COSM 250 Cosmetology Capstone (30 hrs)