

Appearance Enhancement Licensing Areas and Overlapping Hours

As a result of requests for clarification and consultation with the field, a chart has been developed that identifies allowable hours that crossover from the recommended Cosmetology curriculum to other Appearance Enhancement disciplines. Situations have arisen where students that have decided to change their program of study from Cosmetology to another Appearance Enhancement program area have inquired whether hours already completed can count towards the new program area. Because of the variation in how the Cosmetology curriculum is delivered, not all hours may be acceptable in the new Appearance Enhancement program the student is entering. This chart is intended to be a guide for instructors and CTE program administrators to provide individual students with appropriate hour credit where credit is due.

For example, a student who completes approximately 500 hours of a Cosmetology I program (year one of a two year program) may choose instead to pursue the Esthetics program (600 hours) leading to the Esthetics license. The following chart of recommended allowable hours can be used to determine which Appearance Enhancement content areas and hours overlap between Cosmetology and Esthetics. Instructors should keep accurate records of all hours completed successfully by students and be able to attest to the comparability of the content hours when documenting student hours for New York State licensing purposes.

Cosmetology 1000 Hour* Program	Barbering 500 Hour* Program	Esthetics 600 Hour* Program	Natural Hair Styling 300 Hour* Program	Nail Specialty 250 Hour* Program	Waxing 75 Hour* Program
Professional Requirements 24	20	24	10	10	10
Safety and Health 26	10	26	20	20	20
Anatomy and Physiology 15	10	15	5	15	5
Hair Analysis 10	10	10	10		
Hair and Scalp Disorders and Diseases 10	10	10	10		5
Chemistry as Applied to Cosmetology 5	10	5	5	5	
Shampoos, Rinses, Conditioners and Treatments 30	20		20		
Hair Cutting and Shaping 175	70				

Hair Styling 245	20		20		
Chemical Restructuring 180		50			
Hair Coloring and Lightening 180	20				
Nail Care and Procedures 40				40	
Skin Care and Procedures 60		60		10	35
Total Allowable Hours	200	200	100	105	75

*Minimum hours needed for state licensing.
 Grayed out areas indicate no overlap in hours.