If you have a flair for style and enjoy helping people look their best, our Cosmetology program could be perfect for you! Craven has several professional programs where adults can learn the skills they need to help others improve their lives.

**Program Description**

The Cosmetology curriculum is designed to provide competency-based knowledge, scientific/artistic principles and hands-on fundamentals associated with the cosmetology industry. Cosmetologists offer a wide range of beauty services, such as shampooing, cutting, coloring and styling of hair. They may advise clients on how to care for their hair at home. In addition, cosmetologists may be trained to give manicures, pedicures and scalp and facial treatments; provide makeup analysis; and clean and style wigs and hairpieces.

Coursework in the 1500 clock hour diploma and 1200 clock hour certificate program includes instruction in all phases of professional imaging, hair design, chemical processes, skin care, nail care, multi-cultural practices, business/computer principles, product knowledge and other selected topics. The program is fully approved by the N.C. State Board of Cosmetic Arts. Students may begin in fall or spring semesters.

Coursework in the 48 SHC diploma program includes all required cosmetology classes, live model performances required by the State Board of Cosmetic Arts and three additional courses. A study skills course promotes personal development essential for success, an English course enhances writing and speaking skills for the workplace and a psychology course introduces basic principles of the subject as they apply to daily life and the job. Upon passing the State Board licensing exam, a graduate is a fully licensed cosmetologist.

The 34 semester hour credit certificate program includes all required cosmetology classes and live model performances required by the State Board of Cosmetic Arts. Upon passing the State Board licensing exam, students completing the certificate are licensed as apprentices and must complete 960 clock hours (equivalent to six months of working 40 hours per week) within a year in a professional salon working under the direct supervision of a (one) licensed cosmetologist.
Admission Criteria

Admission to this program requires that students be high school graduates or have a recognized equivalency. In addition, students must have satisfactory placement test scores or coursework verifying that they have completed DRE 096 and DMA 010 or DMA 020 or DMA 030 in order to begin cosmetology courses.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Demonstrate the ability to design and restructure hair and perform skin and nail care within a safe, sanitized and multicultural environment.
- Exhibit skills to increase sales and customers within the salon.
- Recall cosmetology theory and clinical information to successfully complete the North Carolina State Board of Cosmetic Arts exam.

Career Opportunities

Upon successfully passing the State Board exam, graduates will be issued a license. Employment is available in:

- beauty salons
- barber shops
- nail salons
- day and resort spas
- nursing and other residential care homes

Almost one-half of all cosmetologists are self-employed.