

Cosmetology (D55140) and Esthetics Technology (55230) Programs

Craven Community College's Cosmetology and Esthetics programs are fully approved by the North Carolina State Board of Cosmetic Art and are designed to provide competency-based knowledge, scientific/artistic principles, and hands-on fundamentals associated with the cosmetology industry. The Cosmetology program offers students a diploma option made up of 48 semester credit hours and 1500 clock hours and a certificate option made up of 34 semester credit hours and 1200 clock hours. Both programs are conducted in a salon environment and include instruction in all phases of professional imaging, hair design, chemical processes, skin care, nail care, multicultural practices, business/computer principles, product knowledge, and other selected topics.

The College's Esthetics Technology program includes instruction in all phases of professional Esthetics Technology, business/human relations, product knowledge, and other related topics. This one-year, 16 semester credit hour and 600 clock hours certificate program is designed to prepare graduates to take the North Carolina Esthetic State Board Licensing Exam and upon passing, be licensed and qualify for employment in beauty and cosmetic/skin care salons, as a platform artist and in related businesses.

The North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners oversees the licensing of estheticians and other beauty professionals in North Carolina.

Moving from Another State?

Cosmetology licensure reciprocity exists between North Carolina and all states, as well as the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam.

If you hold a cosmetic arts license from the following states, a candidate must arrange to have that state send a certification via email to amayhand@nccosmeticarts.com or by mail to NC Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners, 121 Edinburgh Dr. S, Suite 209 Cary, NC 27511:

Arkansas	Alabama	District of Columbia	Florida*	Kansas
Kentucky	Massachusetts	Mississippi**	New Hampshire	
New York*****		Oklahoma**	Pennsylvania	Texas**
Vermont	Wisconsin	West Virginia	Washington*****	

If you hold a cosmetic arts license from the following states, no certification is required. You must, however, apply online or by mail to transfer your license.

Alaska***	Arizona	California	Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware
Georgia	Hawaii	Idaho	Illinois	Indiana	Iowa
Louisiana	Maine	Maryland	Michigan	Minnesota**	Missouri**
Montana	Nebraska	Nevada	New Jersey**	New Mexico	North Dakota
Ohio****	Oregon	Puerto Rico*	Rhode Island	South Carolina**	South Dakota
Tennessee	U.S. Virgin Islands		Utah	Virginia	Wyoming

**Reciprocity cannot be granted for hair braiders, manicurists, or estheticians in the state of Florida or in the unincorporated territory of Puerto Rico.*

***Reciprocity cannot be granted for hair braiders in the states of Oklahoma, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, South Carolina, or Texas.*

****Reciprocity cannot be granted for manicurists in the state of Alaska although advanced manicurists are accepted.*

***** Reciprocity cannot be granted to hair braiders or boutique services in the state of Ohio.*

****** Reciprocity will only be granted to individuals in New York or Washington that examined in that state.*

Military applicants, please read rule 21 NAC 14A.0401 and Title VII of the Service Members Relief Act.

For a directory of state Boards of Cosmetology/Cosmetic Arts, please visit the following website:

<https://nictesting.org/maps/>

To date, 13 states use the NIC (National Interstate Council of State Board of Cosmetology) practical examination and 28 states use the NIC written examination to assess the qualifications of applicants for esthetics licensure. The NIC also has written and practical examinations in advanced esthetics, which were designed for the purpose of master esthetician licensing. <https://www.estheticianedu.org/>

Estheticians licensed in Alabama, Arkansas, the District of Columbia, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, or Wisconsin can obtain North Carolina licensure upon receipt of a certification of licensure for the applicant's state licensing agency.

Estheticians licensed in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, U.S. Virgin Islands, Utah, Virginia, or Wyoming only need submit the licensure by endorsement application.

For a database of Esthetics licensing Boards by state, please visit the following website:

<https://www.estheticianedu.org/>

National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC) Vision:

The National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC) exists to

- Provide a national forum to promote standards for consumer health and safety, and education for individuals entering the workforce
- Promote and encourage reciprocity and standardization for the practice of cosmetology and related fields to increase workers mobility nationally and internationally
- Encourage consistency to provide opportunities for military service members and veterans to enter the workforce
- Support and promote opportunities for the diverse populations enter the professions related to cosmetology, barbering, manicuring, and esthetics
- Encourage our partners to broaden education standards to reduce recidivism by providing opportunities for individuals interested in working in cosmetology related vocations
- Provide national Written, Practical, and Written Practical examinations for entrance into the profession of cosmetology and related fields that are standardized, valid and legally defensible using psychometric principles.

The following states and territories (34) currently use the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC) exams to test qualifications for licensure:

Alaska, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Georgia, Guam, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

For a brief review of license reciprocity in each state, please visit the following website:

<https://beautyschoolsdirectory.com/faq/license-requirements/state-license-transfer-and-reciprocity>

State Contact Information

Alabama

Alabama Board of Cosmetology & Barbering

<https://www.aboc.alabama.gov/>

800-815-7453

cosmetology@aboc.alabama.gov

Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering

P.O. Box 301750

Montgomery, AL 36130-1750

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: The Alabama Cosmetology Board does accept reciprocity from other states. This depends on the training, testing, and length of licensure in your home state. You must request that certification of your licensure and education be sent to the Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering from the state you are currently licensed in. You may need to take licensing exams, depending on which state your license is from. There is an additional fee of \$75 for the written examination and \$130 for the practical examination.

Alaska

Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development - Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofBarbersHairdressers.aspx>

907-465-2550

BoardofBarbersHairdressers@Alaska.Gov

Alaska Board of Barbers & Hairdressers

P.O. Box 110806

Juneau, AK 99811-0806

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: The Alaska Board of Barbers and Hairdressers can help with cosmetology license transfers. Training from your home state must be equal to or greater than the training requirements of Alaska. If you have at least 1500 training hours, you can use one year of full-time work experience to make up the difference. If you have at least 1000 hours, you can use two years of work experience to make up the difference.

American Samoa

American Samoa Board of Cosmetology

<https://new.asbar.org/>

684-633-5155

American Samoa Bar Association

Post Office Box 23

Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Contact the government offices for details on reciprocity and requirements to practice Esthetics in American Samoa.

<https://new.asbar.org/regulation/31-0610-application-for-operators-license/>

Arizona

Arizona State Board of Cosmetology

<https://boc.az.gov/licensing>

480-784-4539

<https://boc.az.gov/contact-us>

Arizona State Board of Cosmetology

1740 W Adams Suite #4400

Phoenix AZ 85007

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Arizona has an age prerequisite of 23 years old. If you began your cosmetology career in another state, licensure in Arizona may be accomplished through the reciprocity program or by taking an Arizona cosmetology exam.

Arkansas

Arkansas Department of Health

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/cosmetology>

501-682-2168

Cosmo@arkansas.gov

Arkansas Department of Health

4815 W. Markham Street, Slot #8

Little Rock, AR 72205

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: The Arkansas Cosmetology Board requires a reciprocity application and a \$150 to transfer your license to Arkansas. Your home state should send a certification of records and training. You will have to take the Arkansas State Cosmetology Board Exam. If your home state requires fewer training hours to get your cosmetology license, you may have to take additional exams. All reciprocity and transfer applications are considered on a case-by-case basis.

California

California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology

<https://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov/licensees/index.shtml>

800-952-5210

barbercosmo@dca.ca.gov

Board of Barbering and Cosmetology

PO Box 944226

Sacramento, CA 94244-2260

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: The California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology requires that you must have a cosmetology license in good standing with no citations, violations, convictions or child support issues putting your license on hold in your home state. You must have been licensed for at least three of the last five years to qualify for reciprocity. The training requirements of your home state must be equal to or greater than the requirements of California if you want to qualify for reciprocity.

Colorado

Colorado Office of Barber and Cosmetology Licensure

<https://dpo.colorado.gov/BarberCosmetology>

303-894-7800

dora_barber-cosmetology@state.co.us

Office of Barber and Cosmetology Licensure

1560 Broadway

Suite 1350

Denver, CO 80202

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: If you have a cosmetology license from another state or country, you may be able to apply for Colorado licensure via endorsement. First, you must have the licensing agency of your home state or country send proof of your license in good standing to the Office of Barbering and Cosmetology Licensure. If your license is not currently active, you must meet the educational requirements of the state of Colorado.

Connecticut

Connecticut Dept. of Health - Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmeticians

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Hearing-Office/Barbers-Hairdressers-and-Cosmeticians/Examining-Board-for-Barbers-Hairdressers-and-Cosmeticians>

860-509-7603

dph.hairdresserteam@ct.gov

Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmeticians

410 Capitol Avenue, MS # 12 APP

P. O. Box 340308

Hartford, CT 06134-0308

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: The Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers, and Cosmeticians requires that reciprocity or transfer applicants have received equivalent training and testing in their home state. You are required to provide verification of cosmetology licensure from your home state to the Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers, and Cosmeticians. You must pass a written exam to transfer your license. There is a \$100 application fee.

Delaware

Delaware Board of Cosmetology and Barbering

<https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/cosmetology/>

302-744-4500

customerservice.dpr@delaware.gov

Delaware Board of Cosmetology and Barbering

Cannon Building

Suite 203

861 Silver Lake Blvd.

Dover, DE 19904

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Depending on which state you are currently licensed in and how much experience you have, you may be able to become licensed in Delaware via reciprocity. You do not have to go through the examination process if your home state's training requirements are similar to those of Delaware. If your home state's licensing requirements are considerably less than Delaware's requirements, you may qualify through work experience. You must provide proof that you have been employed for three of the last five years as a cosmetology professional. The cost of transferring your license to DE is \$68 for estheticians.

District of Columbia

District of Columbia Board of Barber and Cosmetology

<https://dcra.dc.gov/barbers-cosmetology>

866-270-9817

licensing@dcopla.com

Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

1100 4th Street, SW

Washington, D.C. 20024

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: If applying for licensure by reciprocity in Washington D.C., you are required to pay a reciprocity licensing fee and provide a letter showing that you have met and completed license requirements equivalent to those in Washington D.C. For licensure by endorsement, you must show that you passed similar or equivalent exams and have an active license from your home state.

Florida

Florida Board of Cosmetology

<https://www.myfloridalicense.com/intentions2.asp?chBoard=true&boardid=05>

850-487-1395

<http://www.myfloridalicense.com/contactus/>

Division of Professions

Board of Cosmetology

2601 Blair Stone Road

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0791

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: If you have a cosmetology license in another state, you may be eligible for licensing via endorsement in Florida. To be considered for licensure by endorsement, the licensure requirements of your home state must be equal to or greater than Florida's cosmetology licensure requirements. Those who have a cosmetology license in another country can't get their Florida license by endorsement. They must go through the examination process. There is no reciprocity program, the home state must offer similar education and test requirements.

Georgia

Georgia State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers

<https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/16>

404-656-2881

<https://sos.ga.gov/cgi-bin/email.asp>

Georgia State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers

237 Coliseum Drive

Macon, GA 31217

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: If you wish to earn your Georgia license through endorsement, you must have a license valid in another state. The Board of Cosmetology and Barbers looks at each application on a case-by-case basis. You may qualify for endorsement if your home state's training requirements are close to or greater than the requirements of Georgia. Endorsement is not an option for applicants from Alabama, California, Washington D.C., Washington, New York, and Hawaii.

Guam

Guam Board of Barbering & Cosmetology

<http://dphss.guam.gov/guam-board-of-barbering-and-cosmetology/>

671-735-7407

publichealth@dphss.guam.gov

Department of Public Health and Social Services

123 Chalan Kareta,

Mangilao, Guam 96913-6304

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: The Guam Board of Barbering and Cosmetology shall issue a license to any person who is properly licensed for a period of two (2) years in any State or Territory of the United States if the applicant submits: (a) Application; (b) Fee; (c) Proof that he or she is currently licensed in good standing as an esthetician, or the equivalent in that jurisdiction (d) Provides proof that he or she has passed the Nationally Standardized Theory and Practical Exam from their State or Territory of the US with the minimum passing score approved by their State.

Hawai'i

Hawaii Board of Barbering and Cosmetology

<http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/barber/>

808-586-3000

barber_cosm@dcca.hawaii.gov

Hawaii Board of Barbering and Cosmetology

Attn: BAR/COS

P.O. Box 3469

Honolulu, HI 96801

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Hawaii does not have reciprocity. If you are coming from another state, you have to provide proof that you have completed education requirements that are equivalent to or greater than the requirements of Hawaii. Questionable issues on your application are subjective to executive officer review or board meeting.

Idaho

Idaho Barber and Cosmetology Services Licensing Board

<https://apps.dopl.idaho.gov/DOPLPortal/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=BCB>

208-334-3233

bcb@ibol.idaho.gov

Idaho Barber and Cosmetology Services Licensing Board

11351 W. Chinden Blvd.

Building #6

Boise, ID 83714

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Idaho does not do licensure through reciprocity. There are two routes you can go to earn your license through endorsement if you have a valid license in another state. The first route involves proving that you have met training requirements that are consistent with or greater than the requirements of Idaho. The transfer fee is \$100. If your training does not meet these expectations, you can still apply for endorsement by providing proof that you have had a valid license for at least three of the last five years.

Illinois

Illinois Dept. of Professional Regulation—Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding, and Nail Technology Board

<https://www.idfpr.com/profs/cosmo.asp>

888-473-4858

<https://www.idfpr.com/profs/Email/prfGrp01.asp>

Illinois Dept. of Professional Regulation—Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding, and Nail Technology Board

320 W. Washington St., 3rd Floor

Springfield, IL 62786

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: If you want to transfer your license to Illinois, you may be able to bypass the testing requirements of the license by applying for endorsement. You must submit proof of your education to demonstrate that your home state's training requirements are at least as extensive as those in Illinois. You must also submit proof of work experience and proof of your current cosmetology license.

Indiana

Indiana State Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

<https://www.in.gov/pla/2711.htm>

317-234-3031

pla12@pla.IN.gov

Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

State Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners

402 W. Washington Street, Room W072

Indianapolis, IN 46204

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Reciprocity is granted in Indiana on a case-by-case basis, depending on whether your home state has equivalent or more demanding education and licensing requirements. You may not transfer if you have only attended nail school but have not worked actively with the license, and you may be required to take additional training. There is a \$40 fee and an application to transfer your license to Indiana.

Iowa

Iowa Board of Cosmetology Arts & Sciences

<https://idph.iowa.gov/Licensure/Iowa-Board-of-Cosmetology-Arts-and-Sciences>

515-281-0254

PLPublic@idph.iowa.gov

Iowa Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences

Bureau of Professional Licensure, Iowa Department of Public Health

5th Floor, Lucas State Office Building

321 E. 12th St.

Des Moines, IA 50319

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Unlike many other states, Iowa does not have a process for transferring your license or earning your Iowa license through reciprocity. To begin the process, you must have the Cosmetology Board from your home state send proof of your licensure and education directly to the Iowa Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences. From there, the Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences will determine whether or not you have to take an exam or complete additional training.

Kansas

Kansas Board of Cosmetology

<https://www.kansas.gov/kboc/Cosmetology.htm>

785-296-3155

kboc@ks.gov

Kansas Board of Cosmetology

714 SW Jackson St, Suite 100

Topeka, KS 66603

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Kansas does not have a reciprocity program with other states. If you would like to transfer your license to Kansas, you must complete the out-of-state application that can be found on their website. If you meet the requirements for Kansas beauty professionals, you must complete a 20-question open-book exam. The cost to transfer your license to Kansas is \$50. If you do not meet the requirements, you may have to take the full written and practical exam. This is also required if you do not have an active license in your home state.

Kentucky

Kentucky Board of Cosmetology

<https://kbc.ky.gov/Licensure/Pages/Out-of-State-Info.aspx>

502-564-4262

<https://kbc.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx>

Kentucky Board of Cosmetology

1049 US Hwy 127

Annex #2

Frankfort KY, 40601

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: If you have a license or prior cosmetology training in another state, you may qualify for licensure in Kentucky. You must have the initial licensing board in your home state submit proof of your licensure or completed education hours to the Board of Hairdressers and Cosmetologists.

Louisiana

Louisiana Board of Cosmetology

<http://www.lsbclouisiana.gov/>

866-257-7901

stephanie.ricard@la.gov

Louisiana Board of Cosmetology

11622 Sunbelt Court

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: The Louisiana Cosmetology board does not have reciprocity with WI, VT, TX, TN, MN, MI, MA, MD, MT, NE, NJ, NM, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, UT, VA, and WV. Those out-of-state transfer applicants will need to take an NIC Exam for \$25, a State Theory Exam for \$25, and a practical exam for \$25, then pay the reciprocity license fee of \$50.

Maine

Maine Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation - Barbering and Cosmetology Licensing

<https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/barbering-cosmetology-licensing>

207-624-8603

barbercosm.lic@maine.gov

Barbering and Cosmetology Licensing Program

35 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0035

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Maine offers licensure by endorsement if the licensee's home state has similar training hour requirements and board exams. If the two states do not have similar licensing requirements, the transfer applicant may be required to take Maine's board exams. You may be able to bypass the examination process by providing proof of full-time work experience as a licensed cosmetology professional in your home state. This form is part of the endorsement paperwork.

Maryland

Maryland Board of Cosmetologists

<https://www.dlir.state.md.us/license/cos/>

410-230-6190

barbers.cos@maryland.gov

Maryland Board of Cosmetologists

500 N. Calvert Street

3rd Floor

Baltimore, MD 21202-3651

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Maryland offers licensure by endorsement if the licensee's home state has similar training hour requirements and board exams. Applicants for licensure by endorsement who wish to transfer their cosmetology license to Maryland must provide certification that your license was obtained under the same standards, is in good standing, is current and is eligible for licensure by endorsement.

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Board of Registration of Cosmetology and Barbering

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-cosmetology-and-barbering>

617-701-8792

cosmetologyandbarberingboard@mass.gov

Board of Registration of Cosmetology and Barbering

1000 Washington Street

7th Floor

Boston, MA 02118

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: The Massachusetts cosmetology board does not accept reciprocity from other states. In order to transfer your cosmetology license or other beauty license to MA, you must take the state's written and practical board exams. The cost is \$135 for the transfer application, \$120 for the test, and \$68 for the license itself. (Total cost to transfer: \$323.)

Michigan

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs - Cosmetology

<https://www.michigan.gov/statelicenserearch/0,4671,7-180-24786-81080--,00.html>

517-241-0199

bplhelp@michigan.gov

Bureau of Professional Licensing

Ottawa Building

611 W. Ottawa

P.O. Box 30004

Lansing, MI 48909

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Michigan grants cosmetology license reciprocity or transfer if the training and testing requirements in your home state are substantially equal to Michigan's. If they are not similar or greater, you may be required to take additional training hours or to take the Michigan written and practical board exams. Work experience can help you make up the difference if your home state's training requirements are less than those of Michigan. In Michigan, 6 months of work experience is worth 100 hours of training. The cost to transfer your cosmetology license to MI is \$39.

Minnesota

Minnesota Board of Cosmetology
<https://mn.gov/boards/cosmetology/>
651-201-2742
cosmetology@state.mn.us
Board of Cosmetology
1000 University Avenue West, Suite 100
St. Paul, MN 55104

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: If you are currently licensed in your home state, you must show verification of your licensure from your home state, your high school diploma, completion of exams and an application for reciprocity with a \$195 application fee. Your verification letter is good for up to 90 days. To qualify for license transfer, you must have at least 600 esthetician training hours.

Mississippi

Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology
<https://www.msbc.ms.gov/>
601-359-1820
<https://www.msbc.ms.gov/contact-us/>
Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology
239 N. Lamar Street
Suite 301
Jackson, MS 39201

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: To transfer your license to Mississippi, you must submit an application of intent to apply for licensure, have a record of your training and license status from your home state sent to the Mississippi Board of Cosmetology, and appear before the board for a credentialing interview. Transfer is determined on a case-by-case basis.

Missouri

Missouri Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners
<https://pr.mo.gov/cosbar.asp>
866-762-9432
cosbar@pr.mo.gov
Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners
3605 Missouri Boulevard
P.O. Box 1062
Jefferson City, MO 65102-1062

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Whether or not you qualify for license transfer in Missouri depends on where you obtained your original license and what the training hours are in your home state. According to the Board of Cosmetology and Barbering Examiners, you may qualify for license transfer if your training requirements are at least 95% of what Missouri requires.

Montana

Montana Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists

<http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/cos>

406-444-6880

dlibsdhhelp@mt.gov

Montana Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists

PO Box 200513

Helena, MT 59620-0513

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Applicants to transfer cosmetology licenses to Montana must pass both the national NIC written and practical exams and have an active license from their home states. If you have not passed the national exams, you will be required to do so before you can transfer your license to MT.

Nebraska

Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services/Public Health/Licensure Unit

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Cosmetology-and-Esthetics.aspx>

402-471-2117

DHHS.Licensure2117@nebraska.gov

Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services- Cosmetology

DHHS Licensure Unit

PO Box 94986

Lincoln, NE 68509-4986

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: To transfer your cosmetology license to Nebraska, you must have at least 2,100 training hours completed and a state board-issued exam from your home state. Work experience or additional training hours in Nebraska may be considered if you don't have 2,100 training hours from your home state. The cost to transfer your license to Nebraska is \$95.

Nevada

Nevada State Board of Cosmetology

<https://www.nvcosmo.com/>

702-508-0015

licensing@nvcosmo.com

Nevada Board of Cosmetology

8945 West Russell Road

Suite 100

Las Vegas, NV 89148

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: To transfer your cosmetology license to Nevada, you must have a current license in good standing from your home state and proof that you have passed an NIC written exam. All applicants for reciprocity with Nevada under the State Board of Cosmetology jurisdiction must take the Nevada State Law exam. The reciprocity application fee is \$325.

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Board of Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics

<https://www.oplc.nh.gov/applications-barbering-cosmetology-and-esthetics>

603-271-2152

cosmetology@oplc.nh.gov

Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

7 Eagle Square

Concord, NH 03301

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: To transfer your cosmetology license to New Hampshire, the training hour requirements in your home state must be equivalent to or greater than the requirements of New Hampshire. You must have passed a written and practical national exam in English. You must pay a \$100 fee when you apply for reciprocity.

New Jersey

New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs - State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling

<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/cos>

973-504-6400

COSCertVerification@dca.lps.state.nj.us

New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs - State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling

P.O. Box 45003

Newark, NJ 07101

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: New Jersey offers cosmetology licensure by endorsement to cosmetologist applicants if they meet the New Jersey requirements for licensure as a cosmetologist and have a license that is valid in another state or country. If you want to work in New Jersey with any other practitioner's license, you must submit an "out-of-state" application and the required documentation from your home state, at which point you must take the New Jersey exams. The application must be requested in writing.

New Mexico

New Mexico Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists

http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/barbers_and_cosmetologists.aspx

505-476-4622

barber.cosmoboard@state.nm.us

New Mexico Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists

P.O. Box 25101

Santa Fe, NM 87504

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: In order to transfer your cosmetology license to New Mexico, you must furnish an affidavit from your home state's regulatory agency where you are actively licensed. The training you've completed must be equal to or greater than the training hours required in New Mexico.

New York

New York Division of Licensing Services - Esthetics

<https://dos.ny.gov/esthetics>

518-474-4429

licensing@dos.ny.gov

New York Division of Licensing Services- Esthetics

One Commerce Plaza, 99

Washington Ave

Albany, NY 12231-0001

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: New York has specific reciprocity arrangements for different states and licenses. Each request for transfer by reciprocity requires the certification from the cosmetology board in your home state, and a completed cosmetology or other license application with the \$40 application fee.

The states below offer licensure in New York by either reciprocity or endorsement:

Esthetician Endorsement - Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Washington D.C., Maine, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming licensees may apply for esthetician licensure by endorsement.

North Carolina

North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners

<https://www.nccosmeticarts.com/>

919-736-6123

nccosmo@nccosmeticarts.com

North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners

121 Edinburgh Drive S

Suite 209

Cary, NC 27511

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: North Carolina allows license transfer from Alaska, Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia. Licensee applications from other states are decided on a case-by-case license. Transferring a license will cost \$64 for cosmetologists and \$35 for all other beauty specialists.

North Dakota

North Dakota State Board of Cosmetology

<https://www.ndcosmetology.com/>

701-224-9800

bocinfo@nd.gov

North Dakota State Board of Cosmetology

4719 Shelburne St.

Suite 1

Bismarck, ND 58503

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: If you are an out-of-state applicant applying for your North Dakota license, you must submit an application and pay the applicable fees to get your license without taking the licensure exams. You must provide proof that you are licensed as an esthetician in another state and that your license is in good standing. You must also show that the requirements to get licensed in your home state are substantially equal to those in ND at the time of your application.

Northern Mariana Islands

CNMI Department of Labor

<https://www.marianaslabor.net/>

670-664-3196

Department of Labor

Division of Employment Services

Building # 1334, Ascension Dr.

Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Contact the government offices for details on reciprocity and requirements to practice Esthetics in Northern Mariana Islands.

Ohio

The Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board

<https://www.cos.ohio.gov/>

614-466-3834

Ohiocos@cos.ohio.gov

The Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board

1929 Gateway Circle

Grove City, OH 43123

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Ohio doesn't offer reciprocity with other states. All applicants who wish to transfer their cosmetology license to Ohio must pass the state's written, practical and manager's exams. You may get a license in Ohio without taking an additional exam if you were previously licensed in Ohio, got your license in another state, and returned to Ohio.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering Agency

<https://www.ok.gov/cosmo/>

405-521-2441

mhays@cosmo.ok.gov

Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology Agency

2401 NW 23rd

Suite 84 Shepherd Mall

Oklahoma City, OK 73107

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: To transfer your cosmetology license to Oklahoma, your education and work experience needs to be equal to or greater than the Oklahoma requirements. You should also have 3 years of currently licensed work experience. If you have just one or the other, you may be required to take the Oklahoma board exams. The cost to transfer your license is \$65.

Oregon

Oregon Health Authority - Health Licensing Office

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HLO/Pages/Board-Cosmetology-Esthetician-Information.aspx>

503-947-2340

HealthPolicyBoard.Info@state.or.us

Oregon Health Authority

500 Summer Street, NE, E-20

Salem, OR 97301-1097

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: If you are an out-of-state applicant applying to transfer your license to Oregon, you must get verification of current licensure in good standing from your home state. This certification must be sent directly from the out-of-state regulatory authority to the Oregon Board of Cosmetology. You must take the Oregon Laws & Rules examination, and pass the exam for your field of practice. There is a \$100 fee to transfer your license to Oregon.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania State Board of Cosmetology

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Cosmetology/Pages/default.aspx>

717-783-7130

St-COSMETOLOGY@pa.gov

Pennsylvania State Board of Cosmetology

P.O. Box 2649

Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Pennsylvania has beauty practitioner license reciprocity with most states, but does not have reciprocity with Connecticut, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, New Mexico, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Utah. There is a \$60 fee to transfer your license to Pennsylvania.

Puerto Rico

Gobierno de Puerto Rico - Departamento de Estado

<https://www.estado.pr.gov/en/barbers-and-barber-stylists/>

787-722-2122

servicios@estado.pr.gov

Department of State

Assistant Secretary of Examination Boards

Board of Examiners of Beauty Specialists

P.O. Box 9023271

San Juan, PR 00902-3271

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Contact the government offices for details on reciprocity and requirements to practice Esthetics in Puerto Rico.

Rhode Island

Rhode Island State Dept. of Health - Board of Barbering, Hairdressing and Cosmetology

<https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=225>

<https://www.boardofcosmetology.net/rhode-island-state-board-of-cosmetology-cb39>

401-222-4998

doh.elicense@health.ri.gov

Rhode Island Department of Health - Division of Hairdressing and Barbering

Three Capitol Hill Room 205

Providence, RI 02908

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Rhode Island does not offer reciprocity, but does offer you to practice in the state using licensure by endorsement. Applicants who wish to transfer their licenses and work in Rhode Island must meet RI minimum training requirements. Your original licensing board must submit proof of your licensure directly to the Rhode Island Department of Health. Three months of work experience count for 40 training hours for estheticians, up to 200 hours.

South Carolina

South Carolina Board of Cosmetology

<https://www.llr.sc.gov/cosmo/>

803-896-4588

BoardInfo@llr.sc.gov

South Carolina Board of Cosmetology

110 Centerview Dr

Columbia, SC 29210

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: To transfer your cosmetology license to South Carolina, your education and work experience must be equal to or greater than the South Carolina requirements. If South Carolina does not have reciprocity with your state and you are not currently licensed but have your training hours completed, you must take the South Carolina board exams to get licensed.

South Dakota

South Dakota Cosmetology Commission

<https://dlr.sd.gov/cosmetology/default.aspx>

605-773-6193

cosmetology@state.sd.us

South Dakota Cosmetology Commission

South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation

123 W. Missouri Ave.

Pierre, SD 57501-0405

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: To transfer your cosmetology license to South Dakota, your education and work experience needs to be equal to or greater than what is required in South Dakota. The reciprocity to transfer your license is \$100. You must also provide proof of high school graduation or GED, a passport or driver's license, and an affidavit from the licensing agency of your home state.

Tennessee

Tennessee Board of Cosmetology & Barber Examiners
<https://www.tn.gov/commerce/regboards/cosmo.html>
800-480-9285
cosmetology.board@tn.gov
Tennessee Board of Cosmetology & Barber Examiners
500 James Robertson Pkwy
Pkwy Ste 4,
Nashville, TN 37243-0565

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: In order to transfer your cosmetology license to Tennessee, you must be able to demonstrate that you met Tennessee's minimum training hour requirements at a school in your home state. If you do not meet the training requirements, you can supply proof of five years of work experience to make up the difference. If you cannot meet those requirements, you must submit your application for reciprocity to the board office for individual consideration. You may be required to take additional training hours to meet the minimum requirements.

Texas

Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation - Cosmetology
<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/cosmet/cosmet.htm>
512-463-6599
CS.Cosmetologists@tdlr.texas.gov
Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation - Cosmetology
PO Box 12157
Austin, TX 78711

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Texas does have reciprocity with many states. For the majority of states, you do not have to complete any additional training or experience to transfer your license to Texas. A handful of states require one year of work experience in addition to your license. Only Florida and New York require two full years of work experience. The cost to transfer your license to Texas is \$100.

U.S. Virgin Islands

Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs
<https://dlca.vi.gov/boardcertifications/steps/barbers/>
340-713-3522 or 340-714-3522
nathalie.hodge@dlca.vi.gov

V.I. Board of Barbers, Beauticians and Manicurists or
Dept. of Licensing and Consumer Affairs
3000 Golden Rock Shopping Center, Suite 9
Christiansted, VI 00820-4311

V.I. Board of Barbers, Beauticians and Manicurists
Dept. of Licensing and Consumer Affairs
Property & Procurement Bldg.
No.1 Sub Base
St. Thomas, VI 00802

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: All persons interested in becoming a licensed Barber, Cosmetologist, Esthetician Hair braiding or Manicurist in the Virgin Islands are required to sit a written and practical examination. The practical examination is administered in February, July and October of each year and the theory examination is computer-based offered online weekly through PSI Testing Services, LLC.

Utah

Utah Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing – Cosmetology & Barbering

<https://dopl.utah.gov/cosmo/>

801-530-6628

doplweb@utah.gov

Utah Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing – Cosmetology & Barbering

PO Box 146741

Salt Lake City, UT 84111-6741

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Utah does not allow beauty license reciprocity, but they do offer licensure by endorsement if you meet their qualifications. To apply for endorsement, you must have your original licensing agency submit proof of your cosmetology licensure and education hours to the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing.

Vermont

Vermont Board of Barbers & Cosmetologists

<https://sos.vermont.gov/barbers-cosmetologists/>

802-828-1134

kelsi.alger@vermont.gov

Vermont Board of Barbers & Cosmetologists

Office of the Secretary of State

89 Main Street, 3rd Floor

Montpelier, VT 05620-3402

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: To be eligible for licensure by endorsement, you must pay a fee of \$110 and submit a completed endorsement application to the Board. You must have evidence of your professional training submitted to the Board. It should show that you've completed 600 hours for esthetician licensure.

Virginia

The Virginia Board for Barbers and Cosmetology

<http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/Boards/BarberCosmo/>

804-367-8509

BCHOPicensing@dpor.virginia.gov

Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

9960 Mayland Drive

Suite 400

Richmond, VA 23233-1485

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: Virginia offers licensure by endorsement if you want to transfer your credentials from another state. The examination requirements for licensure by endorsement in VA are based on examinations previously completed in your home state. The cost to transfer your license to Virginia is \$105 for a beauty practitioner license or \$125 for an instructor license. The number of hours you completed in your home state must be at least 80% of Virginia requirements, or else you are not eligible for licensure via endorsement.

Washington

Washington State Department of Licensing

<https://www.dol.wa.gov/business/cosmetology/>

360-664-6626

DOLCosmo@dol.wa.gov

Washington State Department of Licensing-Cosmetologists

PO Box 35001

Seattle, WA 98124-3401

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: To transfer your cosmetology license to Washington, you must have a current license from your home state, must have taken a practical and written exam to get the license in your home state, and must have a license in good standing. You can then send certification and your reciprocity application fee of \$50 to the state board. If you originally earned your license in another country, you must take the Washington license exams to get licensed in this state.

West Virginia

West Virginia State Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists

<https://wvbbc.com/>

304-558-2924

adam.l.higginbotham@wv.gov

West Virginia State Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists

1201 Dunbar Avenue

Dunbar, WV 25064

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: To transfer your license to West Virginia, you must contact your home state's Board of Cosmetology that issued your original license and request that proof of Board certification be mailed to the West Virginia Board. This form must be sent directly between the state boards. If your license is from an NIC state, your application may be processed more quickly. NIC states include AL, AZ, AR, DE, GA, ID, ME, MO, NH, NC, NV, OH, PA, SC, SD, UT, and WY. Please note that there is no reciprocity or license transfer option available for nail technicians and manicurists.

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Service - Cosmetology Examining Board

<https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/Cosmetologist/Default.aspx>

608-266-2112

dsps@wi.gov

Wisconsin Cosmetology Examining Board

DSPS

PO Box 8366

Madison, WI 53708-8366

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: To transfer your license to Wisconsin, you must have 4,000 hours of licensed experience and go through the WI license transfer application process. If you do not yet have 4,000 hours of work experience, you will need to take the Wisconsin board exams to earn your license by examination. The training requirements of your home state must be equal to or greater than the training requirements of Wisconsin, otherwise the Cosmetology Examining Board may require you to complete your remaining hours at a Wisconsin school.

Wyoming

Wyoming Board of Cosmetology

<https://cosmetology.wyo.gov/>

307-777-3534

cosmetology@wyo.gov

Wyoming Board of Cosmetology

2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 302

Cheyenne, WY 82002

*Additional Information – Reciprocity: To transfer your license to Wyoming, you must have an equal or greater number of training hours from your home state. If you do not meet Wyoming's training hour requirements, you may be required to take the written and practical exam if your training program is not considered equivalent. If you have additional education, one credit hour is equivalent to 30 clock hours. One year of work experience can lower the cosmetology license hour requirements to 1600 hours for transfer students. The cost to transfer your license is \$273.