

BTC Cosmetology Program – Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will there be cosmetology services for the public?
 - a. Yes! There will be cosmetology services available for the public beginning early January 2019. Check the Cosmetology website at www.btc.edu/cosmetology for more information!
2. What training does the cosmetology program include?
 - a. Cosmetology training includes:
 - i. Hair care services including hair analysis, hair cutting, hairstyling, hair coloring, lightening, permanent waving and relaxing.
 - ii. Natural nail services including manicuring and pedicuring.
 - iii. Basic skin services including skin analysis, facials, makeup application and superfluous hair removal.
 - iv. Customer service skills
 - v. Salon business functions including front desk operations, dispensary inventory and loss prevention, resume building and interviewing skills, self-marketing and basic knowledge needed to start one's own salon.
 - vi. Decontamination control including public hygiene and special sanitation procedures.
 - vii. Preparation for the Washington State licensure written and practical exams.
3. Will graduates have a degree or a certificate?
 - a. Students will graduate with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Cosmetology.
4. Is there financial aid available?
 - a. Yes! Financial Resources are available for those who qualify! See the BTC website [Student Financial Resources page](#) for more information. Students are encouraged to file their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) early for priority consideration (<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>). BTC's school code is 016227.
 - b. Students may also qualify for Workforce Funding. Check the [Workforce Funding website](#) for more details!
5. Does the program include esthetician training?
 - a. No. Esthetician training is not included in the BTC Cosmetology Program.
6. Does the program include barbering?
 - a. No. Barbering is not included in the BTC Cosmetology Program.
7. How long does the program take?
 - a. The program can be completed in five quarters of full-time course work.
8. Are there classes in the summer?
 - a. Yes! Cosmetology courses run year-round.
9. Can the program be completed part-time?
 - a. The program can be completed part-time. Meet with an advisor to plan a course of study that works for you.
10. Can Running Start students join the cosmetology program?
 - a. Yes!
11. What will the schedule look like?
 - a. Cosmetology students should plan to be in class 8 hours a day 5 days a week.

12. Do Cosmetology students work on real people or just mannequins?
 - a. Cosmetology students work on both mannequins and real people depending on the skill and the mastery level of the student.
13. Will students get to work on guests right away?
 - a. No. Students don't work with real people until they pass first quarter and will always work with supervision on the clinic floor.
14. Will BTC provide our kit supplies?
 - a. Yes. The cost of your kit supplies is included in your lab fee in the first quarter.
15. What is the location of the BTC Cosmetology Program?
 - a. The Cosmetology Program is located at 1411 Railroad Ave in downtown Bellingham.
16. I have already earned some Cosmetology hours and want to continue my education. Can these hours be transferred to BTC?
 - a. BTC will consider transfer of previous hours on a case by case basis.