What’s your idea of a great job?

Is your idea of the perfect job one that allows you to make people feel fabulous? A great stylist can help clients recharge by providing professional advice and expert service. Good stylists can earn an excellent living, too, as they set their own hours and choose from options including work with salons, spas, resorts, and more. But the options don’t stop there. A cosmetology background can lead to a career as a print or film stylist, in product development, as an educator, and many other possibilities that allow you to enjoy the rewards of a creative career.

Why Greenville Technical College?

There are many places where you can learn about the beauty industry, but there are few that train you to succeed in top salons and spas. Greenville Technical College provides small classes and real-world experience, covering both the creative side and the business skills needed to help you become an industry leader.

Faculty experience

Our instructors have extensive experience as owners and employees with salons, spas, and retail businesses. They’ve been where you would like to be and are well qualified to help you reach your goals. To ensure that our programs stay up-to-date, faculty meet regularly with area industry professionals to see that our curriculum continues to meet hiring needs.

Program Options

- Associate in Applied Science Degree*
- Cosmetology Diploma
- Esthetics Certificate
- Cosmetology Certificate

* The courses included in this degree include three general education courses in addition to the core cosmetology courses. Benefits include additional availability of financial aid resources, and the potential for some credit hours earned transferring toward other GTC majors and other colleges and universities.
Facility

The core courses for the Cosmetology program must be taken at the college’s Barton (main) Campus, where our classroom facilities include a full-service salon with a nail salon, a large lab for esthetics, a spa-like retreat for specific instruction in skin care and aromatherapy, a retail operation for high-end beauty products, and generous classroom space. General education courses are offered at all Greenville Technical College campuses. Please check the current schedule on our website as availability changes each semester.

Job outlook

Most businesses took a hit during the downturn in the economy, but there are strong indications that the beauty industry is returning to pre-recession levels. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual wage for cosmetologists in South Carolina is slightly above the national average, at $26,700; however, individual salaries vary greatly. Overall, the employment outlook in personal care and service is expected to grow 31% between 2008 and 2018.

What you’ll learn

Students are fully prepared to take certification exams, but our program goes well beyond “teaching to the test.” You don’t just learn the fine art of hair, skin and nail care. You will also learn the business side of cosmetology such as branding, marketing, effective customer communication, finance, creating a business plan, and client retention.

Business and marketing courses are taught by professors in those programs and transfer toward a business or marketing certificate or degree. These required courses provide our graduates with a skill set that help ensure long-term success in the industry.

Admissions Requirements

Students are required to have a high school diploma or GED and acceptable placement test scores.

See for yourself!

Our students get hands-on knowledge in our Cosmetology clinics, and we invite you to experience the quality of our instruction for yourself. Make a hair, nail or skin care appointment by calling (864) 250-8940.

Check for additional information at www.gvltec.edu, including current class schedules, financial aid deadlines, important academic dates, specific program information, and more.

Visit https://gvltec.edu/gainful-employment/DAS_COS1/Gedt.html for important information about the educational debt, earnings, and graduation rates of students who attended this program.