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OVERVIEW

The Occupations
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, Cosmetologists, Salon Manager, Nail Technician, Facialist
About The Occupations
Hairstylists, hairdressers, and cosmetologists provide hair and beauty services to enhance the clients' appearance. Those who operate their own salon have managerial duties that may include hiring, supervising, and training workers, as well as keeping business and inventory records, ordering supplies, and arranging for advertising.
Hairstylists and hairdressers offer a wide range of hair services, such as shampooing, cutting, coloring, and styling. They often advise clients, both male and female, on how to care for their hair at home. They also keep records of products and services provided to clients, such as hair color, shampoo, conditioner, and hair treatment used. Tools included hairbrushes, scissors, blow dryers, and curling irons.
Cosmetologists provide scalp and facial treatments and makeup analysis. Some also clean and style wigs and hairpieces. In addition, most cosmetologists actively sell skin care products.

CAREER OUTLOOK

WORK ENVIRONMENT	
Employers	Many hairdressers and cosmetologists are self-employed. Hairdressers, and cosmetologists work mostly in salons, although some work in a spa, hotel, or resort setting. Some lease booth space in other people's salons. A good number manage salons or open their own shop after several years of experience. Hairdressers and cosmetologists usually works in pleasant surroundings. Physical stamina is important, because they are on their feet for most of their shift. Prolonged exposure to some chemicals may cause skin irritation, so they often wear protective clothing, such as disposable gloves or aprons.
Typical Schedule	Many hairdressers and cosmetologists work part time: however, some self-employed workers may work long hours. Work schedules often include evenings and weekends- the times when beauty salons are busiest. Those who are self-employed usually determine their own schedules.
Tools and Equipment	
WORKER PORTRAIT	
Skills and Aptitudes	
Interests	
CAREER OUTLOOK	
Overall employment of hairdressers and cosmetologists is projected to grow 13% from 2012 to 2022, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Growth rates will vary by specialty. Demand for hair coloring, hair straightening, and other advanced hair treatments has risen in recent years, a trend that is expected to continue over the coming decade.	
JOB PROSPECTS	
Overall job opportunities are expected to be good. A large number of job openings will stem from the need to replace workers who transfer to other occupations, retire, or leave the occupation for other reasons as well as to support a growth in population. However, workers should expect strong competition for jobs and clients at higher paying salons. There are relatively few positions; applicants must compete with a large pool of experienced hairdressers and cosmetologists.	

DEGREE/CERTIFICATE

CONCENTRATION OPTIONS	DEGREE / CERTIFICATE TYPE	DEGREE PLANS
Cosmetology	Associate in Applied Science	View Degree Plan
Cosmetology	Certificate	View Degree Plan
Cosmetology (Dual Credit High School Program)	Certificate	View Degree Plan

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