



COSMETOLOGY STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Welcome to the Lamar State College-Port Arthur Cosmetology Program

This program is governed by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations (TDLR) and the policies and procedures of Lamar State College - Port Arthur. The college catalog and the student handbook are available by means of the internet at www.lamarpa.edu. Lamar State College-Port Arthur policies and procedures are periodically reviewed and updated. Students will be notified of any changes during the academic year via course syllabi.

Students in the Cosmetology Program at Lamar State College-Port Arthur can earn a two-year Associate of Applied Science Degree in Cosmetology Operator or Cosmetology Instructor, or a one-year certificate of completion in Cosmetology Operator and Cosmetology Instructor.

The Cosmetology Program prepares students for a career as a cosmetology professional. The recommended courses of study are designed to meet license requirements established by the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation.

Upon completion of this certificate program, students should have successfully completed all required courses and will possess knowledge and skills enabling him or her to pass an examination administered by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations.

Students who lack a high school diploma or GED must demonstrate necessary skills in reading, writing and math to enroll in any beginning Cosmetology course. The designated implement for demonstrating such skills is the TSI exam, GED or Ability to Benefit. Students seeking the AAS, who fail to meet minimal standards in one or more of these areas, must complete appropriate developmental courses such as ENGL 0301, ENGL 0310, ENGL 0327, MATH 0313 and/or MATH 0332 prior to enrolling in any cosmetology course.

OBJECTIVES

As a successful Cosmetology and Esthetician student, you will:

- Acquire the ideals, attitudes, and personality traits, which are desirable for working with the public, employer and co-workers.
- Learn the scientific facts and artistic principles relative to the technical skills employed in the professional practice of cosmetology.
- Become proficient, through practice, in the manipulative skills employed in the practice of Cosmetology to the degree of speed and accuracy necessary to pass the Texas Cosmetology State Board exam.
- Develop habits of professional work ethics combined with the safe and organized performance of work.
- Learn the fundamentals involved in Salon Management and the appropriate selection, care, and use of equipment and supplies.
- Practice safety and sanitation methods administered by the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulations and LSCPA.
- Communicate effectively with employers, employees and patrons in a constructive manner.

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ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

In an attempt to clarify possible misunderstandings, LSCPA faculty and staff have developed some definitions and examples of two types of academic dishonesty--cheating and plagiarism.

Cheating is defined as the giving or taking of information or material with the purpose of wrongfully aiding oneself or another person in academic work that is to be considered in determining a grade.

Plagiarism, or **literary theft**, is defined as appropriating the literary composition of another person, including the parts, passages, or language of that writing, and passing off the appropriate material as one's own. Plagiarism is the failure to give proper credit or citation to one's sources(s) of information. It includes the failure to use conventional methods of documentation for material quoted or paraphrased. Additionally, plagiarism includes allowing someone else to compose or rewrite an assignment for a student. Some examples of cheating and/or plagiarism include, but are not limited to, the following items:

1. Asking for or giving another student information during a test;
2. Copying answers from another student's paper or intentionally allowing someone to copy from one's own paper during a test;
3. Using materials prohibited by the instructor during a test;
4. Either impersonating another student during a test or having another person assume one's identity during a test.
5. Changing answers on a previously graded test in order to have a grade revised;
6. Stealing examination materials.
7. Copying material, either exactly or in essence, and not providing appropriate documentation;
8. Copying or falsifying a laboratory or clinical project/assignment, including computer programs, in either disk or hard copy form;
9. Allowing someone else to compose or rewrite a student's assignment;
10. Stealing, buying, selling, or otherwise providing research papers.

As with other violations of student conduct, cheating and/or plagiarism will result in disciplinary action.

TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS POLICY

- A. Effective June 1, 2012, the use of tobacco products (including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, and any other items containing or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products) by students, faculty, staff, and visitors are prohibited on all Lamar State College-Port Arthur properties.
- B. The use of tobacco products (including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, and any other items containing or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products) is prohibited:
1. In all interior spaces of all Lamar State College-Port Arthur properties;
 2. On all outside property or grounds of the Lamar State College-Port Arthur campus including parking lots, partially enclosed areas such as walkways, breezeways, and garages;
 3. In Lamar State College-Port Arthur vehicles, including all vehicles leased for the purpose of transporting individuals on College business.
 4. The College premises for this purpose, includes any property in use by the College, property leased or owned (including all grounds, buildings, facilities, vehicles, parking lots), property used for official functions sponsored by the College; and property used by the College in the conduct of any of its courses.

TDLR Rule 83.72 j 4 Responsibility of the Beauty Culture School

(4) Students leaving the facility for any reason, including smoking breaks, must clock out, except when an instructional area on campus is located outside the approved facility, that area is approved by the department and students are under the supervision of a licensed instructor.

Immediate Suspension & Absence for Vaping in any area of the Cosmetology building.

SUPPORT SYSTEM

Cosmetology

Milady's Standard Cosmetology 2016 Textbook

Milady's Standard Cosmetology 2016 Theory Workbook

Milady's Standard Cosmetology 2016 Exam Review Book

TDLR Cosmetology Rules and Regulations Book

Esthetics/Facial Specialist

Milady's Standard Foundations with Standard Esthetics Textbooks

Milady's Standard Foundations with Standard Esthetics: Workbook
12th Edition

Support material can be purchased at LSCPA Online Bookstore; Amazon; Barnes and Noble.

Supply Kit: Cosmetology kits must be purchased at LSC-PA within one week of their availability. If needed, please see the business office for a short-term loan.

Determination of Final Grade

Unit Exams	30%	A	90-10
Skills Assignment & Attendance	40%	B	89-80
Special Assignment	10%	C	79-70
Final Exam	20%	D	69-60
	100%	F	59 or Below

Note: **Students must earn a minimum grade of 'C' or Higher in all technical courses to receive credit from Lamar and TDLR.**

Program Policies

- Students MUST make a “C” or better in each class to progress to the next semester. If a student makes lower than a “C” in a course, they must repeat the course.
- Students are to maintain a 2.0 GPA to graduate from LSCPA.
- Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) mandates a written and practical examination must be passed before receiving a Cosmetology license. You must pass the written examination before you can go for the practical examination. Examination eligibilities are good for 5 years and you may test an unlimited number of times.
- Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) has contracted with PSI licensure: certification to deliver its examinations. Once you have been approved by TDLR, you are responsible for contacting PSI to schedule an appointment to take your examination.

Contact Information: Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

PO Box 12157 Austin, TX 78711 (512) 463-6599 www.tdlr.texas.gov

Email: examinations@tdlr.texas.gov

All questions and requests for information pertaining to the examination should be directed to PSI.

PSI licensure: certification 3210 E Tropicana Las Vegas, NV 89121

(800) 733-9267 Fax (702) 932-2666

www.psiexams.com

Examination Fees: Written Examination Only \$52 - Practical Examination Only \$74

GENERAL POLICIES – STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Parking Pass** - Each student who pays the necessary fee is issued a hanging tag that permits parking on campus. This tag is numbered and is to be displayed as instructed in official parking and traffic regulations, which are issued when automobiles are registered.
- **Student Photo Identification Card** - All students must purchase a photo identification card located on the 2nd floor of the student center.
- **TDLR Cosmetology Student Permit** – \$25.00 registration fee is required for all cosmetology students.
- The current TDLR Rules and Regulations book is required and ***MUST be*** visible or displayed at all times. Student will receive the registration book from TDLR upon completion of registration.
- Students are responsible for their own supplies and personal items. Lockers will be supplied and their use is encouraged. Lockers are to be cleaned out at the end of the semester. LSCPA is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Items left in lockers will become property of LSC-PA.
- A student that withdraws or is dropped from the program must do an official drop on the 3rd floor of the student center and remove all of their belongings from the Cosmetology building. If ***not*** removed after the 10th class day, these materials will become the property of LSC-PA.
- No electronic devices such as laptops, iPads, iPods or headphones are permitted while on the clock.
- Students are not permitted in the following areas unless they have permission from the instructor: the front desk, reception area, dispensaries, supply cabinets, and instructors' offices.
- Students are not permitted to have visitors while on the clock unless approved by an instructor.
- Students are not permitted to use the copier, computers, adding machines, televisions, or any other equipment unless authorized by the instructor.
- The break room (kitchen) exit is for emergency use only.

NO PURSES ARE TO BE SEEN WHILE ON THE CLOCK!

- No food, drinks, or use of tobacco products in the classroom.
- Make-up exams will NOT be given. Any missed exam due to an **Excused Absence Only**, will be replaced with your lowest unit exam grade. This replacement will occur once per class. Final exams are exempt, students must be present for all final exams.
- Excused absences include medical and family emergencies and are determined at the instructor's discretion. Written proof from a physician will be required for medical and family emergencies in order to substitute the score for missed exam ONLY. Documentation must be turned in to your instructor upon your return the following morning.
- Any lab/skills assignments missed can be made-up on Fridays.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular class attendance is important to the attainment of the educational objectives of the college. The cosmetology program has formulated an attendance policy that is consistent with the objectives of the program and the needs of the student to fulfill all necessary requirements needed.

Students should make every effort to attend class ON TIME. Any days missed MUST be made up.

Skin Care Specialist / Esthetician Class Schedule

Monday, Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday

8:30a.m – 12:30p.m.

Cosmetology Class Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Friday (Make-Up Day); 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Students may start clocking in at 8:45

Cosmetology Students may clock in as soon as the clock is turned on until 9:a.m. At 9:05 a.m. students will be marked absent.

Late arrival to class is disruptive. Students who consistently arrive after the beginning of the class, (3 or more times) will receive a half days absence. Students who arrive after the start of class should not enter the classroom, but go into the lab and begin working on their skills assessments.

Dual Enrolled students will attend class their normal schedule.

Phase II: 8 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Phase I: 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Note: **ANY COSMETOLOGY / ESTHETICS LAB DAYS MISSED MUST BE MADE UP.**

The time clock is used for TDLR attendance verification. Each student is assigned a code to clock in; it is your responsibility to clock in and out each day. No student may clock in or out for another.

Any student absent from class (online & lab) without notifications, for 30 days, will be dropped from the program.

TDLR Rule 83.92: “A school shall terminate a student who does not attend Cosmetology Curriculum for 30 days.”

Texas Department of Licensing & Regulations (TDLR) mandates documentation is available for the State Inspector showing attendance, theory and practical skills for online and face to face classes, and the completion and passing of all the registered modules (courses) to be eligible to take the state board exam.

Lamar State College-Port Arthur mandates the completion and passing of all Cosmetology classes with a “C” or better to attain the knowledge and skills needed to pass your State board exam.

DRESS CODE POLICY

Professionalism: A professional appearance is required at all times. The professional image consists of more than the appropriate uniform. The Cosmetology instructors are committed to helping students grow in both skills and professionalism.

Each student is required to adhere to the dress code policy set by the College and Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation. Every student must be in uniform **before** clocking in and remain in uniform at all times. (Includes hair and make-up).

Failure to comply with these requirements will result in a suspension and sent home until in compliance with the cosmetology dress code.

Failure to return in compliance with LSC-PA dress code will result in an absence.

The requirements are as follow:

- **Uniform:** The uniform must be ironed or wrinkle-free.
 - **Solid black** scrub top with sleeves.
 - **Solid Black** scrub pants. Pants must be hemmed and not dragging the floor.
 - **Solid Black** skirts may be worn, below the knee.
 - A long sleeve shirt (any color) may be worn under scrub top.
 - No hoodies or sweat shirts may be worn under scrub top.

- **Shoes:** Comfortable tennis shoes or workforce shoes only.
- **Head Attire:** No hats, caps, wave or wrap caps, or bandanas. Adornment headbands are acceptable upon approval.
- **Nails:** As a safety precaution, all nails should be of average length. Nails may not be longer than the end of the finger.
- **Hair: Hair must be neat and presentable daily. (you are your biggest advertisement)**
- **Lab Jacket or Vest: Solid Black** lab jacket or vest.
- **Approved** Lamar Cosmetology t-shirts may be worn with black scrub pants.
- As a service professional, good hygiene is a required daily.
- Uniforms and shoes will be monitored and checked on a regular basis.

TDLR SANITATION POLICY

Students are responsible for the cleanliness and sanitation of their tools and equipment throughout the day. All students are required to participate in general sanitation and patron protection before, during and after each service.

TDLR Rule: 83.73. Responsibilities of Students

- (a) Students are responsible for compliance with the health and safety standards of this chapter.

TDLR Rule: 83.102. Health and Safety Standards--General Requirements. (a) All cosmetology establishments and licensees shall utilize clean and disinfected equipment, tools, implements, and supplies in accordance with this chapter, and shall employ good hygiene habits while providing cosmetology services.

- (a) (b) A licensee may not perform services on a client if the licensee has reason to believe the client has a contagious condition such as head lice, nits, ringworm, conjunctivitis; or inflamed, infected, broken, raised or swollen skin or nail tissue; or an open wound or sore in the area to be serviced.
- (b) (c) Multi-use equipment, implements, tools or materials not addressed in this chapter shall be cleaned and disinfected before use on each client. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, chairs and dryers do not need to be disinfected prior to use for each client.
- (c) (d) Single-use equipment, implements, tools or porous items not addressed in this rule shall be discarded after use on a single client.
- (d) (e) Electrical equipment that cannot be immersed in liquid shall be wiped clean and disinfected prior to each use on a client.
- (e) (f) All clean and disinfected implements and materials when not in use shall be stored in a clean, dry, debris-free environment including but not limited to drawers, cases, tool belts, rolling trays, or hung from hooks. They must be stored separate from soiled implements and materials. Ultraviolet electrical sanitizers are permissible for use as a dry sanitization.
- (f) Storage container. Non-cosmetology related supplies must be stored in separate drawers or locations.
- (g) (g) Shampoo bowls, and manicure tables shall be disinfected prior to use for each client.
- (h) (h) Floors in cosmetology establishments shall be thoroughly cleaned each day. Hair cuttings must be swept up and deposited in a closed receptacle after each haircut.

- (i) (i) All trash containers must be emptied daily and kept clean by washing or using plastic liners.
- (j) (j) Hand washing facilities, including hot and cold running water must be provided for employees.
- (k) (k) Clean towels shall be used on each client. Towels must be washed in hot water and chlorine bleach.
- (l) (l) Soiled towels shall be removed after use on each client and deposited in a suitable receptacle.
- (m) (m) Each cosmetology establishment shall keep all products used in the conduct of their business properly labeled in compliance with OSHA requirements.
- (n) (n) Hair cutting and shampoo capes shall be kept clean. A clean (one-use) cape shall be used for each client or a sanitary neck strip or towel shall be used to keep the capes from coming into direct contact with the client's neck.

LSCPA SANITATION POLICY

1. Students must clean their work area each day. Stations may be checked at any point throughout the day.

Sanitation/Disinfection Includes:

- Wiping your mirror using glass cleaner
- Wiping down hydraulic chair (seat and base of the chair).
- Wiping down your station
- Wiping down and cleaning out your supply caddy.
- Keeping your area swept and free of hair at all times

2. Before going on break and/or lunch, work stations and supplies must be cleaned.
3. Daily sanitation duties are assigned on a rotation basis and must be maintained throughout the day and before leaving the lab for the day.
4. Sanitation duty should be done in the last 30 minutes of your lab time.
5. No running, throwing objects, or squirting water across the room.
6. For safety and sanitary reasons, natural or artificial nails must be no longer than the end of the fingertip.

CELLPHONE POLICY

Cell phones should be in a silent mode and put away during lecture and lab hours. Not in your pocket, or supply caddy.

Students may use their cellphones/smart watch on BREAK and BREAK ONLY and in designated areas ONLY.
(Theory classroom, break room, gazebo area)

If you are expecting a very important telephone call, or requiring to make a call, you must notify the instructor prior to class regarding the nature of the situation.

Smart Watch is not allowed during an exam. Any student wearing a smart watch during the exam will receive a ZERO.

Student may not charge cell phones during class time. Break time is acceptable.

Office phones and the front desk phones are off limits to all students unless authorized by an instructor.

The front desk phone is for appointments ONLY.

For emergencies call: Ms. Smith 409-984-6402, Mrs. Lejeune 984-6507, and Mrs. Fonteno 984-6409, Reception desk: 409-984-6403 or the main number: 409-983-4921 or 800-477-5872, and Lamar security will be sent with the message.

CLASSROOM POLICY

1. No sleeping, closing eyes, or laying the head down on the desk or table.
2. Back packs or book bags are not allowed on the tables during theory or in the lab area.
3. Snacks and/or drinks in the classroom during theory at the instructor's discretion.
4. No feet on the furniture or sitting on the tables.
5. Late work accepted at instructor's discretion. **No make-up exams will be given.**
6. Students are not permitted to go outside to their cars once they have clocked in.

LAB POLICY

1. Clients come to Lamar to benefit the students and assist with their education, and for that we are eternally grateful. The school will not tolerate rudeness or unethical conduct with the clients. If a problem occurs, notify your instructor immediately.
2. Students are expected to be friendly and polite when servicing patrons; absolutely no arguing in front of patrons. Any patron disputes are to be handled by an instructor.
3. Socialization is not permitted between students while servicing patrons. Your focus should be on your client.
4. Students refusing to stay on task and refusing to do lab assignments, will immediately receive:

A written notification, sent home and counted absent for the remainder of the day.

5. **NO** student may perform or receive personal services during class time except as assigned by the instructor.
6. Horseplay, practical jokes, or playing with water spray bottles is prohibited at all times.
7. Students must be on Cosmetology related task at all times. It is your responsibility to come to class with all necessary supplies needed for theory and practical applications.
8. No open containers, food, or drinks (no eating or drinking) is allowed on the lab floor or the hallway. The designated eating areas are the break room and each theory classroom.

BEHAVIOR POLICY

1. Stealing – Theft or destruction of property will not be tolerated; **Automatic dismissal from the program, with a one-year suspension from the college.**
2. Disrespectful, disruptive behavior, and profanity *will not* be tolerated; **The student will be written up for the first offense. A second offense will result in a one-day suspension. Further offenses will require a meeting with the instructor, program coordinator, and department chair.**
3. Violent behavior towards another student, client, or an instructor will not be tolerated; **Automatic dismissal from the program with a one-year suspension from the college.**

Disciplinary Action: Cellphone, Lab, Sanitation, Classroom

1 st Offense	Verbal & Written Notification
2 nd Offense	Written Notification & Half Day Suspension
3 rd Offense	Written Notification & One Day Suspension

REFUND POLICY

Students officially withdrawing during the refund period will receive a refund for tuition, Student Center Fee, Student Services Fee, course fee, laboratory fee, Library Use Fee, private lesson fee, and Technology Service Fee according to the refund schedule below.

Refunds are awarded based on the following schedule:

Semester Length (9 to 16 or more weeks)

1. Prior to the 1st class day 100% (less \$20 matriculation fee)
2. During the 1st five class days 80 % of total fees
3. During the 2nd five class days..... 70 % of total fees
4. During the 3rd five class days 50 % of total fees

DISABILITY SERVICES

All students with disabilities are encouraged to register with Disability Services and provide appropriate documentation of their disability. Students should register with Disability Services as early as possible to help ensure that all accommodations are in place by the beginning of the semester.

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ORDER OF AUTHORITY

Students are encouraged to utilize **the chain of command** when voicing questions pertaining to disciplinary notifications, grades, or any other concerns.

The chain of command is shown below:

- Instructor of your course(s)
- Program Coordinator
- Department Chair
- Dean
- Vice President of Academic Affairs

Begin directly with the instructor, and then if additional clarification is needed, follow up with the program coordinator.

Instructors: Helen Fonteno
409 984-6409

Rikki Solois
409-984-6507

Sheri Richmond
409 984-6542

Second: Cosmetology Program Coordinator: Amanda Smith
409-984-6402

Third: Business and Technology Department Chair: Sheila Guillot
409-984-6381

Fourth: Dean of Technical Services: Dr. Melissa Armentor

Fifth: Vice President of Academic Affairs: Dr. Pamela Millsap

NOTICE: You must bring counseling notes from the instructor and/or program coordinator before seeing the department chair, dean, or vice president. If you jump the chain of command, you will not be seen. You will be sent back to follow the chain of command.