



# NEVADA COSMETOLOGY CANDIDATE HANDBOOK

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## INTRODUCTION

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This handbook is for candidates who want to be licensed in the cosmetology field in the state of Nevada. It describes the steps you, the candidate, must follow to apply and test.

The Nevada State Board of Cosmetology has contracted with Pearson VUE to manage the testing for the Law exam as well as all Theory exams for the purposes of licensure.

### EXAM OVERVIEW

The Examination consists of multiple-choice questions and is available for all license types in English, Simplified Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Content Outlines for the examinations can be found on pages 6 to 13 in this handbook.

## ELIGIBILITY

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### COSMETOLOGY

Be at least 18 and have completed at least the 10th grade. Completed 1600 hours in a licensed cosmetology school or 3200 hours in an approved apprenticeship program.

### HAIR DESIGN

Be at least 18 and have completed at least the 10th grade. Completed 1000 hours in a licensed cosmetology school or 2000 hours in an approved apprenticeship program.

### ESTHETICIAN

Be at least 18 and have completed at least the 10th grade. Completed 600 hours in a licensed cosmetology school or 1200 hours in an approved apprenticeship program.

### NAIL TECH

Be at least 18 and have completed at least the 10th grade. Completed 600 hours in a licensed cosmetology school or 1200 hours in an approved apprenticeship program.

### BRAIDER

Be at least 18 and have completed at least the 10th grade. Completed the hair braider affidavit requirement.

### INSTRUCTOR

Be at least 18 and have completed the 12th grade. Completed 500(PI) or 700(SI) hours in a school of cosmetology.

### ELECTROLOGIST

Be at least 18 and have completed the 12th grade. Completed 1000 hours in an approved apprenticeship.

### ADVANCED ESTHETICIAN

Be at least 18 and have completed at least the 10th grade. Completed 900 hours in a licensed cosmetology school.

## REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION FOR TESTING

1. Two forms of identification. Please see "What to Bring" in the Exam Day section for a complete description of identification required for taking your exam in a testing center.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR LICENSURE

1. Passport Photo - photos must have a white background and be of passport quality.

2. Work Authorization - a document that establishes authorization to work in the United States. (Social Security Card, US Birth Certificate, Work Visa, Permanent Resident Card, other US agency authorization documentation) or ITIN documentation.

3. Transcript - contact the beauty school you attended to obtain this document. You should have this document before submitting this application.

\*All documents in a language other than English must be translated into English before being submitted.

## RECIPROCITY FOR COSMETOLOGY

If you are licensed in another state, you may be eligible for reciprocity. Reciprocity is Nevada's recognition of your license in esthetics, cosmetology, hair braiding, hair design, nail technology and your license to instruct from another state, district, territory, or country. The total cost for submitting a reciprocity application is a non-refundable fee of \$325.00.

In order to be eligible for reciprocity in the State of Nevada, your license must be active and in good standing in another state. Applicants must complete an Individual Application and submit the required information and pass a 25-question Nevada State Law Test with a 75% or higher to become licensed.

**Please Note:** Nevada does not recognize Florida licenses titled Nail Specialist, Facial Specialist or Full Specialist. The scopes of practice for these licenses are not comparable to a license in the State of Nevada. Nevada also does not recognize Alaska's Manicurist license and only recognizes the Advanced Manicurist license. This is due to the training requirements for the Manicurist license not being comparable to Nevada's Nail Technician license.

## REINSTATEMENT

If your license has expired for over 4 years, you are no longer eligible to renew your license. You will need to reinstate the license in order to get the license in an active status. If you are not currently licensed in any other state within the US, you will need to complete an Individual Application, which can be submitted on our website or completed in the office. You will need to provide us with a government-issued photo ID in your current name (driver's license, passport), passport quality photo, work authorization document (social security card, ITIN documents), and \$125 payment. Once the application has been received with all of the required documents, you will be scheduled to retake all of your exams at one of our office locations. You must pass the practical, theory, and law exams with a 75% or higher. After the tests have been passed, you have the option of paying \$70 for a 2 year license or \$140 for a 4 year license.

# APPLICATION AND SCHEDULING

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## ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

Pearson VUE complies with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act as amended. The purpose of accommodations is to provide candidates with full access to the test. Accommodations are not a guarantee of improved performance or test completion. Pearson VUE provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to individuals with documented disabilities who demonstrate a need for accommodations.

Test accommodations may include things such as:

- A separate testing room
- Extra testing time
- A Reader or Recorder, for individuals with mobility or vision impairments and cannot read or write on their own

Test accommodations are individualized and considered on a case-by-case basis. All candidates who are requesting accommodations because of a disability must provide appropriate documentation of their condition and how it is expected to affect their ability to take the test under standard conditions. This may include:

- Supporting documentation from the professional who diagnosed the condition, including the credentials that qualify the professional to make this diagnosis
- A description of past accommodations the candidate has received

The steps to follow when requesting test accommodations vary, depending on your test program sponsor. To begin, go to <https://www.pearsonvue.com/us/en/test-takers/accommodations.html>, and then select your test program sponsor from the alphabetized list. Candidates who have additional questions concerning test accommodations may contact the ADA Coordinator by e-mailing [accommodationspearsonvue@pearson.com](mailto:accommodationspearsonvue@pearson.com).

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) ACCOMMODATIONS

Candidates who wish to have an ESL accommodation must submit the request to the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology prior to scheduling. If the accommodation is approved, the state will contact Pearson VUE to schedule the appointment with a court-approved interpreter.

## SCHEDULING LEAD TIMES

You must schedule your exam at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

## TEST SITES

Theory exams will be offered at all U.S. Pearson VUE owned computer-based testing facilities. The Nevada Law exam will be offered at all U.S. Pearson VUE owned computer based testing facilities, Pearson VUE partner sites in the state of Nevada, and military bases worldwide. You may visit the Pearson VUE website and select the Nevada Cosmetology program to search for a convenient testing location

Once you have received your Authorization to Test notice, please go to the Pearson VUE website to register for your exam or check for available seat times based on your authorized exam.

## CANCELLATION AND RESCHEDULING

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If you cannot attend your Exam, you must contact Pearson VUE at least forty-eight (48) hours before the day of the exam to reschedule. If you do not attend your exam, and have not contacted Pearson VUE at least forty-eight (48) hours before the exam date, your exam fee will NOT be refunded and you cannot transfer the fee to another exam date. You may not give your exam date to another person. If you miss your appointment for any reason, you must contact the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology for a new authorization.

### ABSENCE POLICY

Candidates who are late or absent from an exam may call Pearson VUE within 14 days of the exam date to request an excused absence for the following reasons:

- Illness of yourself or an immediate family member
- Death in the family
- Disabling traffic accident
- Court appearance or jury duty
- Military duty
- Weather emergency

A case number will be assigned and instructions provided for emailing supporting documentation. Candidates absent from or late to an exam who have not changed or canceled the reservation according to the change/cancel policy will not be admitted to the exam and will forfeit the exam fee.

### WEATHER EMERGENCIES

Exams may be delayed or cancelled if severe weather or a natural disaster makes the test site unsafe or impossible to reach. Candidates will be notified if the exam is cancelled and may take the exam on another day at no additional cost.

## EXAM DAY

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When you arrive for your scheduled examination, you must show your two forms of signature identification. One MUST be a government issued, unexpired, photo identification. In addition the names and signatures must match exactly. If you fail to provide these documents you will be denied admission to the examination and you will be liable for all fees.

If you have had a **name change** since submitting your application, you **MUST** request a **NAME CHANGE PRIOR** to arriving at the testing center.

### WHAT TO BRING

You **MUST** bring the following items with you to the Examination test site:

- **Two (2) forms** of current (unexpired) signature-bearing identification. (One **MUST** be photo-bearing, see list below). **PLEASE NOTE:** The signature and names must match exactly to what was submitted on your application. **If you come to the test site without the proper ID, you will not be allowed to take the exam and you will lose your exam fee.**

*No other materials will be allowed.*

### ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF CANDIDATE IDENTIFICATION

Candidates must present **two (2) forms** of current signature identification. The primary identification must be government-issued and photo-bearing with a signature, and the secondary identification must contain a valid signature. Identification must be in English. **Note:** Candidates are not permitted to enlist another individual (proxy) to test on their behalf

#### PRIMARY ID (PHOTOGRAPH AND SIGNATURE, NOT EXPIRED)

- Government-issued Driver's License
- U.S. Dept. of State Driver's License
- U.S. Learner's Permit (with photo and signature)
- National/State/Country ID card
- Passport
- Passport Card
- Military ID
- Military ID for spouses and dependents
- Alien Registration Card (Green Card, Permanent Resident Visa)

## SECONDARY ID (SIGNATURE, NOT EXPIRED)

- U.S. Social Security card
- Debit (ATM) card
- Photo-bearing School ID
- Any form of ID on the Primary ID list

If the ID presented has an embedded signature that is not visible (microchip), or is difficult or impossible to read, the candidate must present another form of identification from the Primary ID or Secondary ID list that contains a visible signature.

Pearson VUE does not recognize grace periods. For example, if a candidate's driver's license expired yesterday and the state allows a 30-day grace period for renewing the ID, the ID is considered to be expired.

## TESTING POLICIES

The following policies are observed at each test center:

### LATENESS

Arrive at the test center **thirty (30) minutes before** your scheduled examination starts. If you are late for your scheduled examination, or do not bring all of your required materials, you will NOT be allowed to test and your examination fee will NOT be returned (see Cancellation for more details).

### ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cellular phones, pagers or any other electronic devices are not permitted to be used and must be turned off during testing. There is no place for storage of personal belongings at the test centers.

### PERSONAL BELONGINGS/STUDY AIDS

You are not permitted to take personal belongings such as briefcases, large bags, study materials, extra books or papers into the examination room. Any such materials brought into the examination room will be collected and returned to you when you have completed the examination. Pearson VUE is not responsible for lost or misplaced items.

### EATING/DRINKING/SMOKING

You are not permitted to eat, drink, or smoke during the examination.

## MISCONDUCT

If you cause a disturbance of any kind or engage in any kind of misconduct, you will be dismissed from the examination and the incident will be reported to the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology. Decisions regarding disciplinary measures are the responsibility of the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology.

## GUESTS/VISITORS

Guests, visitors, pets, or children are not allowed at the test centers.



# THE EXAM

## THEORY/PROCEDURAL SKILLS EXAM

You can find information about the Nevada Law Exam and all Theory exams on the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology [website](#).

Examinations will consist of multiple choice questions and "pretest" questions. The chart below identifies how many items you will see as well as the total time allotted for each examination.

EXAMINATION	TOTAL ITEMS	SCORED ITEMS	PRE-TEST ITEMS	EXAM TIME ALLOTTED
Cosmetologist	120	100	20	2 hours
Hair Designer	100	85	15	2 hours
Nail Technologist	60	50	10	1 hour 30 min
Esthetician	85	75	10	1 hour 30 min
Advanced Esthetician	85	75	10	1 hour 30 min
Instructor	60	50	10	1 hour 30 min
Natural Hair Braider	60	50	10	1 hour 30 min
Electrologist	60	50	10	1 hour 30 min
Nevada State Law	25	25	0	30 min

If you give help to someone or receive help from anyone during the exam, you will be asked to leave the room immediately. The results will not be scored and the incident will be reported to the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology. Anyone who takes or tries to take materials or information from the testing room is subject to prosecution.

All examinations are offered in the following languages: English, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese (Simplified)

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# THEORY/PROCEDURAL SKILLS EXAM CONTENT OUTLINES

## CONTENT OUTLINE — COSMETOLOGIST

100 scored items

20 pretest (unscored) items

### I. Rules, Regulations, and Safety (27% to 32%)

#### A. Safety

1. Draping
  - a. Sanitation
  - b. Procedures
2. Prevention of salon accidents
  - a. Maintaining safe working conditions
  - b. Labeling
  - c. Storing chemical products
  - d. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)/ Safety Data Sheets (SDS)
  - e. Implements/tools
3. First aid/OSHA
  - a. Handling blood-contaminated tools
  - b. Disposing of blood-contaminated objects

#### B. Sanitation and disinfection

1. Personal hygiene
2. Implements and tools
3. Single-use items
4. Dispensing products
5. Identifying infectious disease/referral
6. Work surfaces

#### C. Client contact & communication

1. Ethics
2. Consultation
3. Record keeping

### II. Trichology (5% to 8%)

#### A. Structure of hair

#### B. Hair type

1. Pigment
2. Wave pattern/follicle formation
3. Texture
4. Density
5. Porosity
6. Elasticity

#### C. Hair growth phases

### III. Shampoo / Scalp Analysis (4% to 6%)

#### A. Purpose and chemistry of shampoos and conditioners

#### B. Scalp conditioning services

#### C. Procedures

#### D. Scalp massage

#### E. Scalp analysis/Disorders and diseases of scalp

#### F. Procedures for clients with special needs

#### IV. Styling (5% to 8%)

- A. Determination of appropriate hair style
  - 1. Hair texture and types/Hair analysis
  - 2. Hair length
  - 3. Face shape
- B. Hair design techniques
  - 1. Wet styling
  - 2. Comb out
  - 3. Blow-dry styling
- C. Thermal styling
  - 1. Special considerations
  - 2. Tools
  - 3. Procedures
- D. Artificial hair
- E. Products and styling aids

#### V. Haircutting (9% to 11%)

- A. Shaping and cutting principles
- B. Determination of appropriate haircut
  - 1. Length, structure, and conditions
  - 2. Establishing guideline
- C. Blunt/one-length, graduated, and layered haircuts
  - 1. Elevation
  - 2. Sectioning/parting
- D. Thinning/texturizing
- E. Using a razor
- F. Using clippers/trimmers
- G. Using scissors/shears

#### VI. Haircolor & Lightening (13% to 15%)

- A. Scalp and hair conditions that preclude haircoloring or lightening services
- B. Effects of hair structure and natural hair color on tone and intensity of outcome
- C. Preparing hair to receive haircoloring or lightening services
  - 1. Patch test
  - 2. Strand test
- D. Determining color level and tone/color theory
- E. Products
- F. Tools, implements, and materials
- G. Formulation
- H. Application, processing, and removal
  - I. Highlighting techniques
  - J. Corrective color
- K. Special considerations
  - 1. Overprocessed or damaged hair
  - 2. Hair with metallic-based, compound-based, or mineral-based color

#### VII. Permanent Waving (12% to 14%)

- A. Scalp and hair conditions that preclude permanent waving services
- B. Effects of hair structure and condition on desired outcome
- C. Preparation
- D. Products
- E. Tools, implements, and materials
- F. Applying, processing, and removing products
- G. Techniques of wrapping hair with rods and other tools
- H. Special considerations
  - 1. Over processed or damaged hair
  - 2. Hair with metallic-based, compound-based, or mineral-based color
  - 3. Test curl

#### VIII. Chemical Straightening and Relaxing (12% to 14%)

- A. Scalp and hair conditions that preclude chemical straightening and relaxing services
- B. Effects of hair structure on desired outcome
- C. Preparation
- D. Products
- E. Tools, implements, and procedures
- F. Applying, processing, and removing products for chemical straightening and relaxing
- G. Curl reformation/soft curl perm
- H. Keratin-based smoothing treatments
  - I. Special considerations
    - 1. Overprocessed or damaged hair
    - 2. Hair with metallic-based, compound-based, or mineral-based color
    - 3. Strand test

#### IX. Esthetics (5% to 7%)

- A. Skin conditions that preclude esthetic services
- B. Skin conditions that benefit from esthetic services
- C. Skin diseases and disorders
- D. Special procedures for skin services on sensitive, acne-prone, or aging skin
- E. Preparation
- F. Tools, implements, and materials
- G. Facial services
  - 1. Purpose and procedures
  - 2. Types of products
  - 3. Applying and removing products
  - 4. Using electric skin devices and equipment
  - 5. Extractions

## H. Massage manipulations

### I. Makeup application

1. Procedures
2. Products
3. Removal
4. Corrective makeup
5. Color theory

### J. Hair removal

1. Waxing and other depilatory techniques
2. Eyebrow shaping with tweezers

## X. Nails (5% to 7%)

### A. Nail structure

### B. Recognizing nail disorders and diseases

### C. Clients' health conditions that preclude service

### D. Massage

### E. Manicure/Pedicure

1. Products
2. Procedures
3. Tools, implements, and materials

### F. Applying, maintaining, and removing nail enhancements/artificial nails

## CONTENT OUTLINE — NAIL TECHNICIAN (MANICURIST)

50 scored items

10 pretest (unscored) items

### I. Rules, Regulations, and Safety (30% to 40%)

#### A. Safety

##### 1. Preparation

- a. Sanitation
- b. Procedures

##### 2. Prevention of salon accidents

- a. Maintaining safe working conditions
- b. Labeling
- c. Storing chemical products
- d. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) / Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

#### B. Sanitation and disinfection

##### 1. Personal hygiene

##### 2. Implements and tools

##### 3. Single-use items

##### 4. Applying creams

##### 5. Prevention of infectious disease

##### 6. Cleaning and disinfecting work surfaces

##### 7. Cleaning and disinfecting whirlpool pedicure foot tubs and filters

#### C. Client contact

##### 1. Ethics

##### 2. Communication

##### 3. Record keeping

### II. Nail Structure and Nail Analysis (15% to 20%)

#### A. Nail structure

#### B. Nail conditions that preclude treatment

#### C. Health conditions that preclude treatment

### III. Professional Services (30% to 40%)

#### A. Massage

##### 1. Muscles, bones, and nerves of fingers/hands/arms

##### 2. Muscles, bones, and nerves of toes/feet/legs

#### B. Manicure/Pedicure

##### 1. Products

- a. Disposal
- b. Handling

##### 2. Procedures

##### 3. Tools, equipment, and materials

##### 4. Preparing hands and feet for services

##### 5. Conditioning nails and cuticles

##### 6. Basic manicure/pedicure

- a. Grooming and trimming cuticles
- b. Buffing
- c. Shaping
- d. Polishing

#### IV. Nail Enhancements (12% to 18%)

- A. Application and removal
  - 1. Nail tips
  - 2. Gels and acrylics
- B. Tools, equipment, and products
- C. Maintenance
- D. Nail Repair

## CONTENT OUTLINE — ESTHETICIAN

75 scored items

10 pretest (unscored) items

### I. Rules, Regulations, and Safety (30% to 40%)

- A. Safety
  - 1. Draping
    - a. Sanitation
    - b. Procedures
  - 2. Prevention of salon accidents
    - a. Maintaining safe working conditions
    - b. Labeling
    - c. Storing chemical products
    - d. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)/ Safety Data Sheets (SDS)
    - e. Thermal/electrical appliances
  - 3. First aid/OSHA
    - a. Handling blood-contaminated tools
    - b. Disposing of blood-contaminated objects
- B. Sanitation and disinfection
  - 1. Personal hygiene
  - 2. Sanitation and disinfection of implements and tools
  - 3. Single use items
  - 4. Product application
  - 5. Sanitation and disinfection of work surfaces
- C. Predisposition/Patch Tests
- D. Client contact
  - 1. Ethics
  - 2. Communication
  - 3. Record keeping

### II. Esthetic Science and Skin Analysis (15% to 20%)

- A. Skin structure and anatomy
- B. Purpose of skin analysis
- C. Skin conditions that benefit from services
- D. Skin conditions that preclude skin services
- E. Skin disorders and diseases

### III. Facials (20% to 25%)

- A. Application, removal, and purpose of products
  - 1. Lotions and creams
  - 2. Exfoliants
  - 3. Masks/packs
- B. Tools, implements, materials, and equipment
- C. Facial procedures
- D. Special considerations
  - 1. Microdermabrasion
  - 2. Disincrustation
  - 3. Aromatherapy
- E. Massage/Anatomy

#### IV. Hair Removal (16% to 20%)

- A. Tweezing
- B. Waxing
- C. Tools, implements, materials, and equipment

#### V. Makeup (10% to 15%)

- A. Purpose
- B. Types of cosmetics
- C. Brushes and other implements, tools, and materials
- D. Color theory
- E. Application and removal procedures
- F. Corrective makeup
- G. Application and removal of artificial eyelashes

#### VI. Electricity and Electrotherapy (5% to 10%)

- A. Galvanic current
- B. High frequency current
- C. Light therapy

## CONTENT OUTLINE — INSTRUCTOR

50 scored items  
10 pretest (unscored) items

### I. Teaching Methods (14%)

### II. Assessment Tools (16%)

- A. Why
- B. How
- C. What

### III. Determining Effective Instruction (36%)

- A. Establishing goals and objectives
- B. Determining essential knowledge, skills, and abilities
- C. Understanding outcomes

### IV. The Learner and Learning Environment (34%)

- A. Learning styles
- B. Individual differences
- C. Motivation
- D. Record keeping
- E. Classroom arrangement

## **CONTENT OUTLINE – NATURAL HAIR BRAIDER**

50 scored items

10 pretest (unscored) items

### **I. Rules, Regulations, and Safety (30-40%)**

- A. Safety
  - 1. Draping
    - a. Sanitation
    - b. Procedures
  - 2. Prevention of salon accidents
    - a. Maintaining safe working conditions
    - b. Labeling
    - c. Storing chemical products
    - d. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)/  
Safety Data Sheets (SDS)
    - e. Thermal appliances
  - 3. First aid/OSHA
    - a. Handling blood-contaminated tools
    - b. Disposing of blood-contaminated  
objects
- B. Sanitation and disinfection
  - 1. Personal hygiene
  - 2. Implements and tools
  - 3. Single-use items
  - 4. Applying products
  - 5. Prevention of infectious disease
  - 6. Cleaning and disinfecting work surfaces

### **II. Client consultation/contact (8-12%)**

- A. Ethics
- B. Communication/Consultation
- C. Record keeping
- D. Analysis to provide proper service
  - 1. Face shape and structure
  - 2. Scalp and hair analysis

### **III. Physiology and Trichology (18-24%)**

- A. Diseases and disorders of hair and scalp
- B. Anatomy of the head and neck
- C. Hair structure and growth cycle
  - 1. Hair type and wave pattern

### **IV. Scalp and Hair Care (10-14%)**

- A. Product knowledge
- B. Scalp conditioning services

### **V. Braiding (12-16%)**

- A. Purpose, definitions, and techniques
- B. Tools, implements, materials, and products
- C. Placement, design, and direction
- D. Using extensions
- E. Maintenance
- F. Finishing techniques

### **VI. Lock style and procedures (10-14%)**

- A. Purpose, definitions, and techniques
  - 1. Comb technique
  - 2. Palm roll
- B. Tools, implements, materials, and products
- C. Placement, design, and direction
- D. Developmental phases
- E. Maintenance

## CONTENT OUTLINE – ELECTROLOGIST

50 scored items

10 pretest (unscored) items

### I. Rules, Regulations & Safety (15%-20%)

- A. Sanitation & Disinfection
  - 1. Sanitation of implements & tools
  - 2. Infection control
- B. Safety
- C. Client Contact
  - 1. Ethics
  - 2. Communications
  - 3. Record keeping

### II. Anatomy & Physiology of Hair and Skin (25%-30%)

- A. Hair
  - 1. Structure
  - 2. Types of Hair
  - 3. Hair growth
- B. Skin
  - 1. Structure
  - 2. Function
  - 3. Neurology & Angiology
  - 4. Disorders & Diseases

### III. Analysis & Treatment (30%-35%)

- A. Pre-Treatment
  - 1. Preparation
  - 2. Draping
- B. Treatment
  - 1. Procedures
  - 2. Technique
- C. Post-Treatment

### IV. Electricity & Equipment (10%-15%)

- A. Equipment
  - 1. Proper use and maintenance
  - 2. Basic principles of electricity
- B. Electrolysis
  - 1. Galvanic current
  - 2. Direct current
- C. Thermolysis
  - 1. High frequency current
  - 2. Alternating current
- D. Blended

## CONTENT OUTLINE – HAIR DESIGNER

85 scored items

15 pretest (unscored) items

### I. Infection Control and Safety (25% to 30%)

- A. Safety
  - 1. Draping
    - a. Sanitation
    - b. Procedures
  - 2. Prevention of salon accidents
    - a. Maintaining safe working conditions
    - b. Labeling
    - c. Storing chemical products
    - d. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) / Safety Data Sheets (SDS)
    - e. Implements/tools
  - 3. First aid/OSHA
    - a. Handling blood-contaminated tools
    - b. Disposing of blood-contaminated objects
- B. Sanitation and disinfection
  - 1. Personal hygiene
  - 2. Implements and tools
  - 3. Single-use items
  - 4. Dispensing products
  - 5. Identifying infectious disease/referral
  - 6. Work surfaces
- C. Client contact
  - 1. Ethics
  - 2. Communication
  - 3. Record keeping

### II. Hair and Scalp Structure and Care (5% to 10%)

- A. Structure of hair
- B. Hair type
  - 1. Pigment
  - 2. Wave pattern/follicle formation
  - 3. Texture
  - 4. Density
  - 5. Porosity
  - 6. Elasticity
- C. Hair growth phases
- D. Shampoo / Scalp Analysis
  - 1. Purpose and chemistry of shampoos and conditioners
  - 2. Scalp conditioning services
  - 3. Procedures
  - 4. Scalp massage
  - 5. Scalp analysis/Disorders and diseases of scalp
  - 6. Procedures for clients with special needs

### III. Haircutting (10% to 15%)

- A. Sectioning and cutting
- B. Determination of appropriate style
  - 1. Length, structure, and conditions
  - 2. Establishing a guideline
- C. Blunt/one-length, graduated, and layered haircuts
  - 1. Elevation
  - 2. Sectioning/parting
- D. Thinning/texturizing
- E. Using a razor
- F. Using clippers/trimmers
- G. Using scissors/shears

### IV. Hairstyling (5% to 10%)

- A. Determination of appropriate hair style
  - 1. Hair texture and types/hair analysis
  - 2. Hair condition
  - 3. Hair length
  - 4. Face shape
- B. Hair design techniques
  - 1. Wet styling
  - 2. Comb out
  - 3. Blow-dry styling
  - 4. Braiding
- C. Thermal styling
  - 1. Special considerations
  - 2. Tools
  - 3. Procedures
- D. Artificial hair
- E. Products and styling aids

### V. Haircolor & Lightening (15% to 20%)

- A. Scalp and hair conditions that preclude haircoloring or lightening services
- B. Effects of hair structure and natural hair color on tone and intensity of outcome
- C. Preparing hair to receive haircoloring or lightening services
  - 1. Patch test
  - 2. Strand test
- D. Determining color level and tone/Color theory
- E. Products
- F. Tools, implements, and materials
- G. Formulation
- H. Application, processing, and removal
  - I. Highlighting techniques
  - J. Corrective color
- K. Special considerations
  - 1. Overprocessed or damaged hair
  - 2. Hair with metallic-based, compound-based, or mineral-based color

### VI. Permanent Waving (15% to 20%)

- A. Scalp and hair conditions that preclude permanent waving services
- B. Effects of hair structure and condition on desired outcome
- C. Preparation
- D. Products
- E. Tools, implements, and materials
- F. Applying, processing, and removing products
- G. Techniques of wrapping hair with rods and other tools
- H. Special considerations
  - 1. Over processed or damaged hair
  - 2. Hair with metallic-based, compound-based, or mineral-based color

### VII. Chemical Hair Relaxing (10% to 15%)

- A. Scalp and hair conditions that preclude chemical straightening and relaxing services
- B. Effects of hair structure on desired outcome
- C. Preparation
- D. Products
- E. Tools, implements, and procedures
- F. Applying, processing, and removing products for chemical straightening and relaxing
- G. Curl reformation/soft curl perm
- H. Special considerations
  - 1. Overprocessed or damaged hair
  - 2. Hair with metallic dyes, compound dyes, and minerals
  - 3. Strand test



## CONTENT OUTLINE — ADVANCED ESTHETICIAN (EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 2022)

75 scored items

10 pretest (unscored) items

### I. Rules, Regulations, and Safety (30% to 40%)

- A. Safety
  - 1. Draping
    - a. Sanitation
    - b. Procedures
  - 2. Prevention of salon accidents
    - a. Maintaining safe working conditions
    - b. Labeling
    - c. Storing chemical products
    - d. Material Safety Data Sheets
    - e. Thermal/electrical appliances
  - 3. First aid/OSHA
    - a. Handling blood-contaminated tools
    - b. Disposing of blood-contaminated objects
- B. Sanitation and disinfection
  - 1. Personal hygiene
  - 2. Sanitation and disinfection of implements and tools
  - 3. Single use items
  - 4. Product application and removal
  - 5. Sanitation and disinfection of work surfaces
- C. Predisposition/Patch Tests
- D. Client contact
  - 1. Ethics
  - 2. Communication
  - 3. Record keeping

### II. ESTHETIC SCIENCE AND SKIN ANALYSIS (15% TO 20%)

- A. Skin structure and anatomy
- B. Purpose of skin analysis
- C. Skin conditions that benefit from services
- D. Skin conditions that preclude skin services
- E. Skin disorders and diseases

### III. FACIALS (20% TO 25%)

- A. Application, removal, and purpose of products
  - 1. Lotions and creams
  - 2. Exfoliants
  - 3. Masks/packs
- B. Tools, implements, materials, and equipment
- C. Advanced Facial Treatments
  - 1. Microdermabrasion
  - 2. Chemical peel
  - 3. Advanced Exfoliation
    - a. Microneedling
    - b. Dermaplaning
- D. Massage/Anatomy

### IV. Basic Hair Removal (4-8%)

- A. Tweezing
- B. Waxing
- C. Tools, implements, materials, and equipment

### V. Electricity and Electrotherapy (10-20%)

- A. Galvanic current
- B. High frequency current
- C. Microcurrent
- D. Ultrasonic
- E. Light therapy

### VI. Advanced Esthetic Medical Devices and Treatments (10-20%)

- A. Radio frequency
- B. Ultrasound
- C. IPL
- D. LASER
- E. Cryotherapy
- F. Advanced Esthetic Treatments

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## EXAMINATIONS

EXAM TYPE CODE	SCORED ITEMS	PRETEST ITEMS	TOTAL ITEMS	EXAM TIME
Cosmetologist - NV-COS	100	20	120	2 hours
Hair Designer - NV-HD	85	15	100	2 hours
Nail Technologist - NV-NT	50	10	60	1 hour 30 min
Esthetician - NV-EST	75	10	85	1 hour 30 min
Advanced Esthetician - NV-AEST	75	10	85	1 hour 30 min
Instructor - NV-INS	50	10	60	1 hour 30 min
Natural Hair Braider - NV-HB	50	10	60	1 hour 30 min
Electrologist - NV-ET	50	10	60	1 hour 30 min
Nevada State Law - NV-LAW	25	0	25	30 min

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