

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)  
Barbering, Cosmetology, and Nail Technician Programs  
Guidelines

Pathways to State Licensure	VDOE Program/Course Requirement (Course Code)	VDOE Required Hours of Instruction	DPOR Required Hours of Instruction	Eligibility for Board of Barbers and Cosmetology approved examination <a href="#">18 VAC 41-20-20</a>	Cost <a href="#">18 VAC 41-20-60</a>
Public High School Programs (Grades 9-12)  NOTE: If the student is beyond the compulsory age and there is a vacant seat within a public high school program, the adult student may enroll in the program.	<b>3-Year Program</b> Barbering I,II,III (8740, 8741, 8742)	Year 1- 280 hours Year 2- 280 hours Year 3- 280 hours Total= 840 hours	(Refer to <a href="#">18 VAC 41-20-20</a> )	Students completing the barbering and cosmetology programs approved by VDOE shall be eligible to take the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology examinations.	The Board of Barbers and Cosmetology determines cost of examinations through a third-party contractor which is subject to change annually.
	Cosmetology I,II,III (8527, 8528, 8529)	Year 1- 280 hours Year 2- 280 hours Year 3- 280 hours Total= 840 hours			
	<b>2-Year Program (Available: 2017-18 school year)</b> Barbering I,II (8743, 8744)	Year 1- 420 hours Year 2- 420 hours Total= 840 hours			
	Cosmetology I,II (8745, 8746)	Year 1- 420 hours Year 2- 420 hours Total= 840 hours			
	<b>2-Year Program (To be revised: 2017-18 school year)</b> Nail Technician I,II (8692, 8693)	Year 1- 140 hours Year 2- 280 hours Total= 420	(Refer to <a href="#">18 VAC 41-20-20</a> )	Students completing the nail technician program approved by VDOE shall be eligible to take the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology examinations.	The Board of Barbers and Cosmetology determines cost of examinations through a third-party contractor which is subject to change annually.
Public Adult Occupational Preparation Programs	<b>3-Year Program</b> Barbering I,II,III (8740, 8741, 8742)	Year 1- 280 hours Year 2- 280 hours Year 3- 280 hours Total= 840 hours	(Refer to <a href="#">18 VAC 41-20-20</a> )	Students completing the barbering and cosmetology programs approved by VDOE shall be eligible to take the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology examinations.	The Board of Barbers and Cosmetology determines cost of examinations through a third-party contractor which is subject to change annually.
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Private Licensed Schools	N/A	N/A	DPOR Barber, Cosmetology, and Nail Technician curricula shall include performances. Curriculum and performance requirements shall be offered over a minimum of 1,500 clock hours for barbering and cosmetology, 150 clock hours for nail care. <a href="#">18 VAC 41-20-220</a>	Any person completing an approved barber, cosmetology, or nail technician training program in a Virginia licensed barber, cosmetology, or nail technician school shall be eligible to take the examinations.	The Board of Barbers and Cosmetology determines cost of examinations through a third-party contractor which is subject to change annually.