

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<br><a href="#">18 VAC 41-20-20</a>  | Cost<br><a href="#">18 VAC 41-20-60</a>  |
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| Public High School Programs (Grades 9-12)<br><br>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><br>Barbering I,II,III (8740, 8741, 8742)                                  | Year 1- 280 hours<br>Year 2- 280 hours<br>Year 3- 280 hours<br>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<br>Year 2- 280 hours<br>Year 3- 280 hours<br>Total= 840 hours |   |   |  |
|   | <b>2-Year Program (Available: 2017-18 school year)</b><br>Barbering I,II (8743, 8744)           | Year 1- 420 hours<br>Year 2- 420 hours<br>Total= 840 hours                      |   |   |  |
|   | Cosmetology I,II (8745, 8746)   | Year 1- 420 hours<br>Year 2- 420 hours<br>Total= 840 hours                      |   |   |  |
|   | <b>2-Year Program (To be revised: 2017-18 school year)</b><br>Nail Technician I,II (8692, 8693) | Year 1- 140 hours<br>Year 2- 280 hours<br>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><br>Barbering I,II,III (8740, 8741, 8742)                                  | Year 1- 280 hours<br>Year 2- 280 hours<br>Year 3- 280 hours<br>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.<br><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. |

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