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## Barbering

Barbering is one of cosmetology's four fields of practice with esthetics, hair design and nail technology. Barbering is a separate discipline from hair design. Barbers shampoo, cut, style, condition and singe (lightly burn hair ends with a lighted wax taper) hair, but they cannot provide chemical hair treatments.

Barbers also shave, trim and cut the beard, and massage the scalp, face and neck, applying facial and scalp treatments with creams, lotions, oils and other cosmetic preparations.

Cosmetologists work in a variety of settings, including hair and nail salons, barbershops, day spas, health care facilities, health clubs, resorts, and with dermatologists and plastic surgeons.



### Qualifications

- *Oregon Career School Training* — Applicants must first pass courses required by the Oregon Department of Education (DOE), Private Career Schools, in the following programs offered by an Oregon licensed career school:
  - \* **Barbering:** 1,100 hours
  - \* **Safety / Infection Control:** 150 hours
  - \* **Career Development:** 100 hours

Training may also be obtained through a competency-based school, which may not require the minimum training hours.

- \* **Examinations:** Applicants must pass a state-sanctioned practical examination conducted by both hourly-based and competency-based schools and an OHLA-administered national written examination.
- *Non-Oregon Career School Applicants* — Applicants credentialed in another state qualify for Oregon certification without taking Oregon's qualifying examinations. Applicants who have completed school or training in another state or country but who are not yet credentialed must provide documentation for evaluation by OHLA and approval by DOE. Approved applicants are then required to take the Oregon qualifying practical and written examinations.

**Authorizing Laws & Rules:** This program exists under the regulatory oversight of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA). The Board of Cosmetology's profession-specific statutes (ORS 690.005-690.235 and 690.992) and rules (OAR 817, Divisions 1-120) link to OHLA's overarching statutes (ORS 676.600-992) and rules (OAR 331, Divisions 1-30) for all OHLA-regulated professions.

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