

**157.10 Course of study.**

1. *a.* The course of study required for licensure for the practice of barbering and cosmetology shall be a minimum of one thousand five hundred fifty clock hours, or fifty-one semester credit hours or the equivalent thereof as determined pursuant to administrative rule and regulations promulgated by the United States department of education. The clock hours, and equivalent number of semester credit hours or the equivalent thereof as determined pursuant to administrative rule and regulations promulgated by the United States department of education, of a course of study required for licensure for the practices of electrology, and esthetics, nail technology shall be established by the board. The board shall adopt rules to define the course and content of study for each practice of cosmetology arts and sciences.

*b.* The course of study required for licensure which is limited to the practice of esthetics shall be a minimum of six hundred hours.

*c.* The course of study required for licensure which is limited to the practice of nail technology shall be a minimum of three hundred twenty-five hours.

*d.* The board may approve a course of study allowing a student to simultaneously study for licenses to practice both esthetics and nail technology. A student who partially completes a combined course of study for licensure for the practice of esthetics and nail technology is not eligible for licensure for the practice of esthetics or nail technology unless the student has completed the licensure requirements for the practice of esthetics or nail technology. The board shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) for the implementation of this paragraph.

2. A person licensed in or a student of a practice of barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences shall be granted full credit for each course successfully completed which meets the requirements for licensure in another practice of barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences.

3. A student in a barber school who enrolls in a school of barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences shall be granted, at the discretion of the school, at least half credit and up to full credit for each course successfully completed for licensure in the practice of barbering which meets the requirements for licensure in a practice of barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences.

[C77, 79, 81, §157.10]

[88 Acts, ch 1110, §1](#); [92 Acts, ch 1205, §8](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1100, §2](#); [2006 Acts, ch 1184, §102](#); [2023 Acts, ch 99, §37](#); [2025 Acts, ch 140, §5](#)

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