

APPEARANCE GUIDELINES

(taken directly from Kaskaskia College's Cosmetology Rules & Regulations publication)

Personal appearance is of major importance in the cosmetology industry. It will help you not only gain clientele, but also a job in a reputable salon. Salon-quality appearance should become a habit and a normal way of life. Refreshing of one's appearance throughout the day may be necessary due to possible afternoon appearance checks.

- Hair - All students must have their hair styled in a professional manner. "Professional" meaning updated fresh and an obvious styling attempt. Ponytails and the use of clips/headbands with no curl or style are not acceptable.
- Makeup - Female students are required to wear attractive, pleasing makeup. Lip color is required. Male students must be free of stubble and keep facial hair well-trimmed.
- Nail Care - All students must keep their nails and cuticles well-manicured. Female students are required to wear polish at all times, free of chips. Male students should maintain a buffed shine. If a student chooses to wear artificial nails, they must be maintained regularly outside of school.
- Facial Piercing - Small studs are allowed. Hoops and bars will not be permitted.
- Body Tattoos - In order to stay pleasing to all types of clientele, students will be required to conceal obscene/vulgar tattoos.
- Hygiene - Be particular about your personal hygiene including cleanliness, mouth hygiene, and use of deodorants. Hair must be clean.
- Gum chewing and hickeys are not allowed.
- No pits, backs, boobs, butts or bellies!!!
- All adjustments to one's personal appearance must be made before coming into the school. The school's nail supplies, hair products and makeup are not to be used for one's personal appearance. Infractions will be given if a student is applying makeup, styling one's hair or polishing his/her nails at school.
- Salon Worthy Dress Code guidelines (Tuesday - Thursday) - All uniforms must meet department specification. These specifications are clean, neat, unwrinkled uniforms and clean shoes and shoestrings. We suggest the student has multiple uniform options. There are 2 uniform choices for the cosmetology program during the days that our salon is open:

- 1) **PROFESSIONAL DRESS** - The first uniform is a black, grey & white professional, fun look that one can create from their own clothes.
 - The top worn is to black, white or black & white in combination. A touch of grey or silver will be permitted. All other colors are prohibited. Accessories can have color, just not clothing.
 - The bottom garment needs to be black or black and white print (predominantly black) or dark grey. Solid white or light grey pants are unacceptable.
 - Pants are not to drag the floor or be ripped.
 - Please purchase clothes made of a professional, dressy fabric - no jeans, corduroy, athletic or casual material allowed. Tight pants are not permitted.
 - Knit leggings (yoga pant material) are permitted but the **top worn must cover the backside and front of the lower body.**
 - Opaque tights are not to be confused with leggings.

- Skirt and dress shorts are to be at the **top of the knee** or longer when standing vertical.
- Male students should wear dress pants.
- In this personal business of cosmetology, it is important that one maintains a professional image, therefore, pantyhose or knee-highs are highly suggested but not required. Due to the pressure that is on our feet, it is imperative that each student takes every precaution in creating a comfortable shoe experience. Wearing hose or trouser socks will keep the feet dry and the toes from getting sore. Nylon footies can be worn but cannot be exposed. If a nude leg is the choice of the student, proper grooming is strongly suggested.
- It is in one's best interest that he/she becomes aware of his or her own body type and dresses accordingly and pleasingly for the public. Infractions can be written for improper undergarment choice. Stay professional, please!!
- Shoes are to be dressy and black or black with white accents or dark grey. Predominantly white, solid white or light grey shoes are not permitted.
 - Due to Illinois state law, closed-toed shoes are required.
 - If choosing a boot, leather and suede are the only fabrics allowed. Fur is to be avoided.
 - Shoes with a heel are preferred and also provide a more pleasing appearance. Open-backed, heeled shoes are permissible. Any size heel is allowed, as long as the shoe is not the same height from front to back or that they are not too uncomfortable. Students are not allowed to be barefoot in the school setting. Flat shoes can be worn, but will need to be a dressy, closed-toe shoe. Ballerina-type slippers are not appropriate.

2) **CASUAL DRESS** - The second uniform is a comfortable, knit, black & white look.

- The cosmetology class has created three T-shirt designs available for purchase through the cosmetology coordinator.
- Profession-specific T-shirts can also be worn with this uniform option. As long as the shirt is primarily black & white, a small splash of color will be permitted. No off-color, rude or suggestive statements/ images will be allowed.
- Solid black, knit pants should be purchased to accompany the program T-shirt. The pant should not be tight, thin or low-rise. They should be open at the bottom, not elastic. If in doubt, have pants approved by an instructor prior to removal of tags.
- Male students are allowed to wear a Docker's-style pant.
- Black tennis shoes are to be worn with the "knit" look. Tennis shoes must be predominantly leather or suede and 90 to 100% black. No high tops, canvas or open-backed shoes allowed unless a doctor's note is presented.