

BARBER TECHNOLOGIST

Technical Diploma

Program Code: 30-502-5

Total Credits: 25

The Barber Technologist program at Mid-State is a part-time program that gives students hands-on training in the techniques they need to thrive in barbering. Through a combination of online and face-to-face classes, as well as hours in Mid-State's on-campus salon, you'll learn both traditional and modern cutting and styling, safe use of common barber shop chemicals, and professional shaving techniques.

Mid-State's Barber Technologist program prepares students to obtain the required licensure to be employed/practice in the state of Wisconsin. The College does not guarantee its curriculum matches the requirements for preparation, examination, or licensure for other states.

To learn more about this program, visit mstc.edu/programs.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, call 715-422-5300. Academic advisors will travel to other campuses as necessary to accommodate student needs. For more information about advising, visit mstc.edu/advising.

NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

Complete the following steps to prepare for your New Student Advising appointment with your academic advisor:

- Submit a Mid-State application at mstc.edu/apply.
- Send official transcripts to:
Mid-State Technical College
Student Services
500 32nd Street North
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. Mid-State's Financial Aid team is available to assist with your FAFSA application and to answer your financial aid questions. Contact Financial Aid or schedule an appointment at mstc.edu/financial-aid.
- Set up student MyCampus account at mstc.edu/mycampus-assistance.
- Schedule a New Student Advising appointment at mstc.edu/advising.

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CAREER PATHWAY



Career pathways help you build your education step by step. Each stage offers one or more credentials that are recognized by employers and lead to real jobs—and you can keep building toward your career goals as you go.

Begin at any point.

Prior Learning

Credit for Prior Learning

- Certifications and Licenses
- Military Experience
- National/Standardized Exams
- Transfer Credit
- Work and Life Experience

Learn about Credit for Prior Learning at mstc.edu/cpl.

High School Credit

- High School Dual Credit
- Mid-State Fast Track

Learn about High School Credit at mstc.edu/dc.

Technical Diploma

- Barber Technologist (25 Credits)
Start Your Career: Barber, Barber Sales (Retail/Wholesale), Barbershop Owner, Barber Stylist, Men's Grooming Specialist

Bachelor's Degree

For those interested in continuing their education, Mid-State offers transfer guides with various four-year colleges and universities. For more information, visit mstc.edu/transfer.

Other Options

Related Programs: Cosmetology, Nail Technician

OUTCOMES

Employers will expect you, as a Barber Technologist graduate, to be able to:

- Apply safety and infection control procedures.
- Identify hair and scalp disorders.
- Perform haircutting services.
- Demonstrate shaving and other facial hair removal techniques.
- Perform male facial procedures.
- Perform texture services.
- Perform hair color services.
- Demonstrate hairstyling and finishing techniques.
- Adhere to the current Wisconsin administrative codes and statutes for barbers.
- Demonstrate interpersonal skills for success.

TECHNICAL SKILLS ATTAINMENT

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) has implemented a requirement that all technical colleges measure outcomes attained by students. This requirement is called Technical Skills Attainment (TSA). The main objective of TSA is to ensure graduates have the technical skills needed by employers. Faculty will let students know when and how the TSA is being assessed in the program.

Program begins every January and runs through December.

This program meets the Wisconsin state barbering requirement of 1,000 hours of training and is regulated by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services. Federal regulations require programs for licensure to use clock hours in all areas of administering Title IV federal financial aid. Financial aid and scholarships are available to those who qualify.

Students must purchase a kit comprised of required tools and supplies. The cost of the kit is approximately \$1,100.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Students must have good fine motor skills, especially finger dexterity, as well as good hand/eye coordination and 20/40 vision in best eye with 70 degrees to each side for peripheral vision, as determined by the Department of Transportation.

PROGRAM PROGRESSION

Please note that the ability to repeat courses is dependent upon availability of courses. Students may be required to apply for program re-entry in order to repeat courses.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Visit mstc.edu/studenthandbook to view Mid-State's student handbook, which contains information about admissions, enrollment, appeals processes, services for people with disabilities, financial aid, graduation, privacy, Mid-State's Student Code of Conduct, and technology.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

The GPS for Student Success course is required for all Mid-State program students and is recommended to be completed before obtaining 12 credits. Some students are exempt from this requirement. Please see your academic advisor for more information.

ADDITIONAL COURSES AS NEEDED

The following courses may be recommended or required if the student does not achieve minimum placement scores.

College Reading and Writing 1 10831104

3 credits

Provides learners with opportunities to develop and expand reading and writing skills to prepare for college-level academic work. Students will employ critical reading strategies to improve comprehension, analysis, and retention of texts. Students will apply the writing process to produce well-developed, coherent, and unified written work.

Pre-Algebra 10834109

3 credits

Provides an introduction to algebra. Includes operations on real numbers, solving linear equations, percent and proportion, and an introduction to polynomials and statistics. Prepares students for elementary algebra and subsequent algebra-related courses.

MULTIPLE MEASURES

Students can place into courses using high school GPA and completed classes. Placement can be determined in the following ways:

- **Multiple Measures Writing (MMW)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school writing courses with a "C" or better
- **Multiple Measures Reading (MMR)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school literature courses with a "C" or better
- **Multiple Measures Math 1 (MMM_1)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 1.0 credit of high school math (Algebra 1 or equivalent) with a "C" or better
- **Multiple Measures Math 2 (MMM_2)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school math including Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 with a "C" or better
- **Multiple Measures Science 1 (MMS_1)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 1.0 credit of high school lab science course with a "C" or better
- **Multiple Measures Science 2 (MMS_2)**
High school GPA of 2.6 & successful completion of 1.0 credit of high school chemistry with a "C" or better

Past high school and college transcripts are used in making course placement decisions.

SAMPLE PART-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

Barber Technologist • 25 Total Credits

Term 12 Credits	Course Number	Course Name	CPL	Credits
	30502340	Haircutting Techniques for Barbers	No	3
	30502341	Facial Hair and Skin Care Techniques for Barbers	No	4
	30502342	Barbershop Operations	No	1
	30502707	Introduction to Barber Technologist	No	1
	30502706	Hairstyling for Barbers	No	2
	10890102	GPS for Student Success	Yes	1

Term 3 Credits	Course Number	Course Name	CPL	Credits
	30502343	Barbershop Service Skills	No	1
	30502344	Basic Barber Client Services	No	2

Term 10 Credits	Course Number	Course Name	CPL	Credits
	30502345	Advanced Barber Client Services	No	2
	30502346	Barber Capstone Experience	No	2
	30502704	Haircoloring for Barbers	No	2
	30502705	Chemical Texturing for Barbers	No	2
	30502734	Master Barber Client Services	No	2

Please Note

- Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) options are available for some courses. You can visit mstc.edu/cpl or contact your academic advisor for details.
- This curriculum sequence is only for student planning. Actual student schedules will vary depending on course availability.
- Program completion time may vary based on student scheduling and course availability. For details, go to mstc.edu/schedule.
- Get the latest updates online at mstc.edu.

Advanced Barber Client Services

30502345

2 credits

Students continue to refine barbering techniques with an emphasis on haircoloring and chemical texturing services. Students will apply knowledge and skills to provide all barber services on customers in the on-campus barbershop.

Prerequisite: Admission to Barber Technologist Program 305025

Corequisites: Haircoloring for Barbers 30502704 and Chemical Texturing for Barbers 30502705

Barber Capstone Experience

30502346

2 credits

Students prepare for the state board exam and for securing a job. Students complete a mock assessment of all state board practical and written concepts, including state law. Students also prepare for their job search and for working with the business side of the barbering industry.

Prerequisite: Admission to Barber Technologist Program 305025;

Corequisite: Master Barber Client Services 30502734

Barbershop Operations

30502342

1 credit

Focuses on developing front desk and client relation skills including managing bookings and applying sanitation standards to dispensary practices. Emphasizes daily operations of a barbershop and the professional attitudes needed to be successful in the industry.

Prerequisite: Admission to Barber Technologist Program 305025;

Corequisite: Introduction to Barber Technologist 30502707

Barbershop Service Skills

30502343

1 credit

Taking knowledge learned from the first semester courses, students practice consultations and draping, haircutting, hairstyling, shaving and facial massages in the on-campus barbershop.

Prerequisites: Admission to Barber Technologist Program 305025,

Haircutting Techniques for Barbers 30502340, Facial Hair and Skin Care Techniques for Barbers 30502341, Hairstyling for Barbers 30502706

Basic Barber Client Services

30502344

2 credits

Students continue to enhance their barbering techniques by working on actual clients in the on-campus barbershop setting. Emphasis is placed on interacting with clients and performing services at a faster rate with more precision.

Prerequisites: Admission to Barber Technologist Program 305025,

Haircutting Techniques for Barbers 30502340, Facial Hair and Skin Care Techniques for Barbers 30502341, Hairstyling for Barbers 30502706

Chemical Texturing for Barbers

30502705

2 credits

This course provides an overview of various wrap techniques, hair relaxing applications, reformation curls, and chemical blow-out services.

Prerequisite: Admission to Barber Technologist Program 305025

Facial Hair and Skin Care Techniques for Barbers

30502341

4 credits

Shaving and facial massages are two services central to the barbering profession. Students will learn about the techniques, tools, equipment, and products used in performing facial massages and facial hair services.

Prerequisite: Admission to Barber Technologist Program 305025

GPS for Student Success

10890102

1 credit

Integrate necessary skills for student success by developing an academic plan, identifying interpersonal attributes for success, adopting efficient and effective learning strategies, and utilizing Mid-State resources, policies, and processes.

This course is recommended to be completed prior to obtaining 12 credits and is a graduation requirement unless you receive an exemption from your program advisor.

Haircoloring for Barbers

30502704

2 credits

This course includes the theory and chemistry of color mixing as well as procedures including lightening, cap, foiling, and corrective color.

Prerequisite: Admission to Barber Technologist Program 305025

Haircutting Techniques for Barbers

30502340

3 credits

Introduces haircutting theory and terminology and provides students with practice using the basic tools of the barbering profession. Students will learn how to perform a cut from consultation to finishing techniques.

Prerequisite: Admission to Barber Technologist Program 305025

Hairstyling for Barbers

30502706

2 credits

This course emphasizes wet and dry hairstyling and includes hair analysis, shampooing, conditioning, reconditioning, scalp and hair treatments, blow drying, fingerwaves, pincurls, roller setting, thermal styling, and hair replacement techniques.

Prerequisite: Admission to Barber Technologist Program 305025

Introduction to Barber Technologist

30502707

1 credit

Provides an overview of the barbering profession, safety and decontamination in the barbershop, properties and disorders of the skin and scalp, and related science theory.

Prerequisite: Admission to Barber Technologist program 305025

Master Barber Client Services

30502734

2 credits

Students provide all barber services on customers in the client lab and prepare for the Wisconsin State Barber licensing exam. Emphasis is on providing services with speed and accuracy, including hair and scalp analysis, shampooing, haircutting, shaving, facial services, and chemical services.

Prerequisite: Admission to Barber Technologist program 305025;

Corequisites: Haircoloring for Barbers 30502704, Chemical Texturing for Barbers 30502705