

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Cosmetology

In this program grouping, students should be able to meet specific technical standards. These standards are the essential skills and abilities needed to be successful in a program, with or without reasonable accommodation. All Technical Standards documents are available for review on the Mid-State Technical College [website](#).

It is important to review and understand these technical standards before applying to the program.

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TECHNICAL STANDARD	DEFINITION OF TECHNICAL STANDARD	EXAMPLES OF TECHNICAL STANDARD
Auditory Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to follow instructions/directions and assessment of services for clients in a simulated salon. • Ability to listen to others and determine their wants and needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detect audible sounds for timers.
Behavioral Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess time management skills. • Ability to display good character, friendliness in multiple situations and circumstances. • Ability to develop professional relationships with peers, clients, and management through application of soft skills such as cooperation, discussion, and negotiation. • Ability to follow health and safety guidelines. • Ability to apply ethical standards. • Ability to maintain hygiene and dress requirements for a salon setting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in an environment with potentially infectious materials. • Demonstrate adherence to safety guidelines and regulations. • Recognize potentially hazardous conditions and take appropriate actions. • Utilize personal protective equipment (gloves, masks, eyewear). • Operate equipment, adhering to safety standards. • Identify and resolve unsafe situations. • Be familiar with and follow emergency procedures. • Cope with stressful situations.

<p>Communication Skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to communicate with others verbally and in written form. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss and ask questions regarding client care with client and family. • Convey information in a clear, professional, and timely manner. • Listen and respond to others in an accepting and respectful manner. • Discuss details and ask questions regarding client care. • Listen and respond to others in a nonjudgmental, respectful manner. • Awareness of non-verbal communication. • Ability to learn different electronic salon scheduling systems and point of sale systems. • Observe, interpret, and respond appropriately to surroundings, nonverbal cues, verbal and written information.
<p>Critical Thinking Skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to critical think for clinical judgment. • Ability to use judgment and problem-solve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply broad concepts to salon and class/lab situations. • Concentrate on performing class/lab tasks. • Recognize the need to consult with the client and instructors. • Demonstrate problem-solving skills. • Prepare for tasks and clients appropriately. • Anticipate needs for changes in procedures, clients, and peers. • Providing appropriate client care, making sure clients are comfortable and safe. • Problem-solve complex situations while maintaining a professional demeanor. • Prioritize all job tasks and effective executive functioning.
<p>Interpersonal Skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to interact and work with individuals from a variety of backgrounds. • Ability to work with others. • Ability to adapt to changing environments and work-related challenges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit positive interpersonal skills in all interactions. • Maintain confidentiality. • Recognize appropriate boundaries in relationships with patients and colleagues. • Work as a team member.

<p>Mobility and Motor Skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to move around the simulated salon setting and treatment areas and use laboratory equipment, as well as perform required steps for all services. • Ability to tolerate working with various chemicals. • Ability to stand for prolonged periods, navigating workstations and salon settings. • Ability to utilize sharp instruments such as razors and scissors; and salon equipment. • Possess sufficient physical health to perform and receive salon services. • Possess gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective salon services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stand for long periods of time at a station working with mannequins or clients. • Repetitively shampoo at shampoo stations throughout the day. • Coordinate several tools at the same time with both hands in quick succession. • Hold hands away from body for long periods of time. • Sit, stand, walk and maintain balance at varying intervals. • Bend, stretch, squat, twist, kneel, and reach. • Sufficient hand-eye coordination. • Possess arm-hand steadiness. • Move in confined spaces.
<p>Tactile Skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possess tactile feeling to assess client need (e.g., temperature). • Possess finger and manual dexterity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to detect difference in temperature. • Squeeze, grasp, twist, pinch, and manipulate small objects.
<p>Visual Skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to follow instructions/directions and assessment of services for clients in a simulated salon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visually detect equipment displays. • Visually detect environmental hazards. • Detect objects, symbols, and numbers. • Detect and identify different colors and shades. • Detect changes in skin color, temperature, swelling.

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