Paul Mitchell The School Denver

NAIL TECHNICIAN COURSE INFORMATION

NAIL TECHNICIAN COURSE DESCRIPTION

THIS PROGRAM IS PENDING ACCREDITATION APPROVAL AND NOT ENROLLING AT THIS TIME.

Nail Technician: ***Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) 39-5092.00***
Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code 12.0410

The curriculum involves 600 hours to satisfy Colorado state requirements. The program combines theoretical instruction and practical application to prepare students for entry-level employment as a licensed Nail Technician. Instruction includes manicuring, pedicuring, artificial nail application, sanitation and disinfection, safety procedures, Colorado laws and regulations, and professional development. Students will develop technical skills, client consultation techniques, and workplace readiness necessary for employment in the nail industry.

**Graduates are prepared to become an entry-level nail technician.*
This course is taught in English. Textbooks and course materials are only offered in the English language.

NAIL TECHNICIAN COURSE OVERVIEW

Course Hours: 600 clock hours

The course includes pre-clinical classroom instruction, distance education, and clinical service learning experiences.

- **Pre-clinical Classroom Instruction:** The first 150 hours are devoted to classroom workshops, demonstration, and introductory practical experience. Students will learn foundational nail technology principles, technical procedures, sanitation and disinfection practices, Colorado laws and regulations, and professional standards.
- **Clinic Classroom Learning Experience:** The remaining 450 hours are spent in the clinic classroom environment, where students gain practical, hands-on experience performing manicuring, pedicuring, and artificial nail services while developing client consultation, service delivery, and professional skills in a supervised setting.
- **Distance Education Learning Experience:** Students enrolled in the program with distance education will complete a portion of their education through online learning. Only theory hours may be completed through distance education; all lab and practical hours are completed in person. The school is currently not enrolling in the distance education program.

NAIL TECHNICIAN COURSE OUTLINE

The Nail Technician program is broken up into three designations.

- **Core/Protégé Curriculum:** This phase focuses on foundational knowledge and fundamental nail procedures, including manicuring, pedicuring, sanitation, safety, and Colorado laws and regulations. Students are assessed through written, oral, and practical evaluations. Successful completion of the Core curriculum is required before advancing, ensuring a smooth transition and preparing you for the clinic experience. This is an intense and foundational phase of your journey.

- **Theory/Specialty Classroom:** Classroom instruction is divided between theory and specialty classes covering topics such as manicuring, artificial nail application, nail diseases and disorders, sanitation and disinfection, and professional development. Classroom learning experiences may also include retail, communication skills, and career readiness. These sessions may be led by an instructor or qualified educational staff.
- **Clinic Classroom Learning Experience:** Clinic classroom time is spent in a hands-on learning environment. Students receive individual guidance and participate in group learning experiences through mini-classes, practical worksheets, and periodic evaluations designed to monitor progress. During this phase, students perform nail services on guests in a supervised clinic setting, developing real-world experience in guest services, technical execution, and professional behavior.

NAIL TECHNICIAN COURSE SUBJECTS

Subject	Total Theory Hours	Total Lab Hours	Total Contact Hours
Manicuring and Pedicuring	40	120	160
Application of Artificial Nails	30	90	120
Laws, Rules, and Regulations	10	30	40
Management, Ethics, and Interpersonal Skills, and Salesmanship	25	75	100
Disinfection, Cleaning, and Safe Work Practices	45	135	180
Total Lab & Theory	**150**	**450**	**600**

Distance Education hours and assignments are graded and recorded daily. Theory chapter exams, final exams and final practical evaluations must be completed in the school facility.

Paul Mitchell The School Denver offers employment assistance to help graduates' efforts to secure education-related employment that includes, but is not limited to training in professionalism, resume', development, job interview preparation and job search skills. These additional courses are not a requirement for state licensure.

NAIL TECHNICIAN PROGRAM TESTING AND GRADING PROCEDURE

The following tests and grading procedures are incorporated during the student's 600-hour course:

1. **Academic theory exams:** Students must receive a grade of 70% or higher on each assigned theory exam. Exams are completed at the conclusion of each online theory module. Depending on the length of the distance education module, theory exams will occur weekly or bi-monthly. The theory exams will evaluate the student's academic performance for each subject of the distance education curriculum.
2. **Core written and practical skills evaluation:** Students must receive a grade of 70% or higher on each written exam and each practical skill exam in order to complete the Core program. The exams are an overview of instruction taught during the Core schedule. All Core written and practical skill exams must be passed with a 70% in order to transition to the Clinic Classroom. If students are unable to pass each exam after two attempts, the student may be asked to withdraw from the program and re-enroll in the next available Core class start date. The core written and practical skills evaluation must be completed within the school facility and cannot be taken through distance education.
3. **Final written and practical exam:** This test is an overview of all related esthetics subjects (e.g., anatomy, chemistry, etc.). The written test covers an overview of all theory instruction, Colorado state law, and other items covered on the state esthetics exam. The practical test also covers all expected phases of the state board examination. Students must receive a grade of 70% or higher on all final tests. The Final written and practical exam must be completed within the school facility and cannot be taken through distance education.
4. **Clinic Practical Skill Assessments:** Future Professionals progress in practical skill assessments and theory hours will be digitally monitored on a weekly basis by the Future Professional Advisor using the Course Key app. All assigned practical skill assessments must be completed in order to complete the program.

5. **Final Phase Exams:** Mock practical state board, mock written state board, Colorado state laws. Final Phase Exams must be completed within the school facility and cannot be taken through distance education.
6. **Distance education assessments:** Students must complete a distance education written assessment and practical skill assessment. These are based on performance and must be completed on-campus each month. The distance education assessment will focus on the distance education subjects covered during that time period. Students must receive a grade of 70% or higher on each distance education written assessment and each practical skill assessment. Only students enrolled in the distance education program are required to complete these assessments.

NAIL TECHNICIAN INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES AND METHODS

The Nail Technician 600 clock hour course is provided through a sequential set of learning steps which address specific tasks necessary for State Board preparation, graduation and job entry level skills. Clinic equipment, implements and products are comparable to those used in the industry. Each student will receive instruction that relates to the performance of useful, creative and productive career oriented activities. The course is presented through well-developed lesson plans that reflect the latest educational methods. Subjects are presented by means of lecture, demonstration, distance education, and student participation. Audio-visual aids, guest speakers, field trips, and other related learning methods are used in the course.

In order to enroll in the hybrid program of study, the student must have the following hardware, software, and network requirements:

- Apple iPad
- High-Speed Internet minimum of 600 Kbps (a mere 0.6 Mbps) download speeds to make one-on-one video calls on Zoom. The company's website recommends a minimum 1 Mbps download speed for group calls. Doing group video calls in 1080p resolution requires at least 2.5 Mbps upload and download speed
- Pivot Point Lab
- Google Chrome or Safari
- Zoom