



COSMETOLOGY

CAREER GUIDE

How to Use This Guide

- 1. Identify Your Path:** Determine which area of Cosmetology interests you most.
- 2. Follow the Educational Path:** Enroll in the corresponding VGCC programs and complete the necessary coursework.
- 3. Pursue Entry-Level Positions:** Gain experience through internships or entry-level jobs while still in school.
- 4. Advance Your Career:** Use the career ladder to plan your progression from entry-level to expert positions.

EXPERT
7+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

SPA MANAGER

\$57,570

EDUCATION

*Post Secondary Certificate
Required, Associates/Bachelors
Preferred*

PROGRAM HEAD

\$64,188

EDUCATION

*Post Secondary Certificate
Required,
Associates/Bachelors/Masters
Preferred*

ADVANCED
5+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

MAKEUP ARTIST

\$47,390

EDUCATION

*Post Secondary Certificate
Required*

COSMETOLOGY INSTRUCTOR

\$44,400

EDUCATION

Technical Diploma

MID-LEVEL
3+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

SKIN CARE SPECIALIST

\$43,200

EDUCATION

*Post Secondary Certificate
Required*

MANICURIST/PEDICURIST

\$34,250

EDUCATION

*Post Secondary
Certificate Required*

ENTRY-LEVEL

SHAMPOOER

\$29,530

EDUCATION

*High School Diploma or Post
Secondary Certificate*

COSMETOLOGIST

\$34,970

EDUCATION

*Post Secondary Certificate
Required*

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Data Sources: Median salary ranges for NC by position based on AI from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Glassdoor, Payscale, and Salary.com . These are general examples of positions that might be found in this career track. Actual positions and salaries vary depending on the industry and individual company.