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Utah System of Higher Education
Nail Technician
FY2027 / 6 Credits (210 Clock-Hours)

Foundational Courses

TENT 1110 Nail Technician I **4 Credits / 120 Clock-Hours**

This course will explore the basic anatomy, skin and nail structure and growth, and recognize and prevent infections. You will study the fundamentals of manicures, pedicures, nail tips and wrap application, acrylic(s), gel(s), polish, and their applications.

Objectives:
• Demonstrate safe practices related to infection control, chemical products, and electrical equipment.
• Discuss the history of nail technology.
• Demonstrate sanitation procedures.
• Explain the importance of anatomy and physiology, skin and nail growth and structure, and nail diseases and disorders.
• Demonstrate natural nail care, including manicures and pedicures.
• Perform proper techniques and application of nail enhancements.

TENT 1200 Nail Technician II Clinical **2 Credits / 90 Clock-Hours**

This course builds on the foundation skills learned in the previous course and provides additional instruction in nail services and art techniques. In addition, you will study work ethics, time management and essential business skills, licensing, and laws.

Objectives:
• Communicate effectively with your salon guests and coworkers.
• Demonstrate sanitation procedures.
• Demonstrate the proper natural nail care techniques, including state board required skills.
• Demonstrate the use and safety of industry equipment.
• Demonstrate proper techniques and application of nail enhancements.

Supplemental Courses Varies by Institution

Bridgerland

TENT 1300 Advanced Technique and Business Basics **3 Credits / 90 Clock-Hours**

This course will cover work ethics, time management, and essential business skills such as licensing regulations and business law. It will cover the importance of communicating effectively with clients and how to convey a professional image. This course will include state board testing preparations and career planning.

Objectives:
• Create a business plan for a salon or home-based business following city and state ordinances.
• Create a portfolio to use while developing a clientele.
• Apply skills learned throughout the program in a mock state board examination.
• Practice advanced nail techniques.

Davis

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Objectives:
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Mountainland

TENT 1401 Nail Technician III **3 Credits / 90 Clock-Hours**

Students will have the opportunity to practice Professional Development, Business skills and Advanced Nail techniques necessary to prepare for applications on the clinic floor. Students will prepare to pass the Utah State board examinations. Students will learn about business, employment, professionalism, sanitation, safety standards and creating a professional portfolio and resume. Students will also practice in current advanced nail trends, advanced nail art, nail shaping and techniques.

Objectives:
• Demonstrate proper state board procedures with regard to safety and sanitation.
• Practice salon process and etiquette.
• Demonstrate effective communication with students, faculty, and staff members Complete a state licensing practice exam.
• Demonstrate the use of electrical equipment and tools for the industry.
• Demonstrate and perform proper techniques acrylic, gels, tips, forms, wraps and advanced nail art.
• Create a professional portfolio including a resume, examples of salon services, and demonstration of Salon Business.

Ogden-Weber

TENT 1500 Nail Technician Business and Advanced Techniques **3 Credits / 90 Clock-Hours**

In this course, students learn and prepare for the salon while practicing nail services and protocols for the State examinations. Students learn success habits for nail technician professionals.

Objectives:
• Demonstrate proper business & marketing concepts in the beauty profession.
• Discuss professional etiquette appropriate for the salon.
• Demonstrate competency to pass the State Nail Technician examinations.
• Discuss pertinent issues related to business & marketing concepts in the beauty profession.
• Demonstrating nail service skills on mannequins.

Snow

TENT 1600 Advanced Techniques Class/Lab **2 Credits / 60 Clock-Hours**

In this class students will learn basic and advanced techniques of nail care and design. The students will also demonstrate proper infection control procedures on clients and practice proper massage manipulations on clients. The students will also study and practice passing the state board exams at the minimum standard of 70%.

Objectives:
• Practice and learn the importance of safety, sanitary nail care, and infection control on both equipment and clients.
• Master fingernail extensions, basic spa manicures and pedicures.
• Discuss and demonstrate proper muscle massage manipulations learned from anatomy courses.
• Demonstrate the safe use of electric files being used on natural and artificial nails.
• Learn how to care for the natural nail and safely remove professional products for the natural nail.
• Practice and perfect knowledge and skills necessary in passing the written and practical state board exams.

TENT 1610 Nail Technician Business Basics **1 Credit / 30 Clock-Hours**

In this course students will perfect skills they have learned in previous classes in sanitation practices, improving soft skills, and enhancing their business and marketing skills.

Objectives:
• Perfect and demonstrate procedures covered in previous courses covering business skills, proper safety, infection control procedures, and professional behavior.
• Implement business and marketing skills to include a business portfolio and business statement.
• Demonstrate and perfect skills gained in previous courses in acting professionally, communicating effectively with clients to avoid infectious diseases, and proper sanitation practices while working on client.

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TENT 1700 Nail Technician Business and Skill Application **3 Credits / 90 Clock-Hours**

This course focuses on employment preparation, incorporated with professional development. It builds upon previous course knowledge and helps develop skills in current trends and techniques essential to becoming a successful nail technician. Students will be educated on their career opportunities.

Objectives:
• Demonstrate advanced competencies necessary to progress into a salon setting. Students will be exhibiting essential skill improvement, including timing and technical ability.
• Demonstrate training on trending nail art applications, electric filing, and showcase advanced knowledge of basic manicuring and pedicuring techniques.
• Demonstrate advanced procedures in a variety of nail enhancements.
• Practice, demonstrate, and implement a client consultation in preparation for the professional setting.
• Build and showcase work examples in a professional portfolio.

USU - Eastern

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• Practice, demonstrate, and implement a client consultation in preparation for the professional setting.
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