

License Comparison Chart

	MAKEUP ARTISTS	COSMETOLOGISTS	ESTHETICIANS
JOB DESCRIPTION	Use cosmetics to alter someone's face or body. Does not include permanent makeup.	Offer services additional to cosmetic application, including hair styling, skincare, and nail care.	Specialize in advanced services such as skin treatments, laser hair removal, and permanent makeup.
REQUIRED EDUCATION	Certification courses License may be required depending on state regulation. <i>~3-6 months</i>	Attend cosmetology program approved by the local cosmetology board. <i>1-2 years</i>	Esthetician training program approved by the state. <i>~1 year full time</i>
CAREER PATHS	Freelance, retail, theatre, television, movie sets, weddings, editorials.	Salons, spas, independent practices.	Salons, spas, independent practices.