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PRE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

COSMETOLOGY:

Consists of a 1,500 clock-hour course, 7.5 hours per day (8:30 AM–4:30 PM), four days per week (Wed.–Sat.). Tuesdays are optional. Total cost for course includes: tuition, access to online courses, cosmetology kit, manicuring kit, two uniform t-shirts, tablet, and \$150.00 enrollment fee. Enrollment requires proof of age and valid high school diploma or GED.

Effective July 1, 2024.....\$17,925

ESTHETICS:

Consists of a 1,125 clock-hour course (plus 75 hours of continuing education to meet CIDESCO requirements), 7.5 hours per day (8:30 AM–4:30PM), four days per week (Wed.–Sat.). Tuesdays are optional. Total cost for course includes: tuition, access to online courses, esthetics kit, one Merrell logo shirt, tablet, and \$150.00 enrollment fee. Enrollment requires proof of age and valid high school diploma or GED. (Program Pending new authorization)

Effective July 1, 2024..... \$14,550

BARBER:

Consists of a 1,000 clock-hour course, 7.5 hours per day (8:30AM–4:30PM), four day per week (Wed.–Sat.). Tuesdays are optional. Total cost for course includes: tuition, access to online courses, barber kit, and \$150.00 enrollment fee. Enrollment requires proof of age and valid high school diploma or GED and physical.

Effective July 1, 2024..... \$12,950

MANICURING:

Consists of a 400 clock-hour course, 7.5 hours per day (8:30 AM–4:30 PM), four days per week (Wed.–Sat.). Total cost for course includes: tuition, textbook, manicuring kit, two uniform t-shirts, and \$150.00 enrollment fee. Enrollment requires proof of age and valid high school diploma or GED.

Effective July 1, 2024.....\$7,750

INSTRUCTOR TRAINING: *

Consists of a 600 clock-hour course, 7.5 hours per day (8:30 AM–4:30 PM), four days per week (Wed.–Sat.). Total cost for course includes: tuition, textbook, and \$150.00 enrollment fee. Enrollment requires a current professional license in one of the above programs, proof of age, and a valid high school diploma or GED.

Effective July 1, 2024.....\$4,350

BARBER CROSSOVER:

Consists of a 45 clock-hour course, 7.5 hours per day (8:30–4:30), two days per week (Mon. & Tues.). Total cost includes: tuition, straight razor, replacement blades, and \$50.00 enrollment fee. *Must hold a current Missouri Cosmetology License.*

Effective July 1, 2024.....\$905

** The 600-hour Instructor Training course may be reduced in time depending on the applicant’s documented work experience, in accordance with state law. Work experience from 6 months to 3 years will be considered in determining reduction in tuition and hours required.*

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CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT:

New classes commence monthly. Prospective students are invited to visit the school to tour the facilities and personally observe our educational programs. Please call or text Scott Sharp, Director of Admissions at 573-635-4433 to schedule an appointment.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

Merrell University offers continuous enrollment with classes starting monthly. All courses are written and taught in English. Start dates are subject to change without notice. To be eligible for enrollment an applicant must:

1. Be 18 years of age or have written approval from a legal guardian;
2. Complete a Merrell University application for admission;
3. Provide a copy of a valid high school diploma or its equivalent or GED certificate (see High School Diploma Policy for more information);
4. Provide a copy of birth certificate or passport;
5. Provide a copy of valid driver's license, or valid State ID;
6. Complete an interview with an administrator that indicates the applicant meets minimum requirements and the ability to perform all Central Job Functions. (See Human Rights and Central Job Function Requirements);
7. Submit two (four for Esthetics) recent 2"x2" pictures (no hats or head coverings and on white or gray background) for state license; and
8. Complete post-secondary student enrollment application (to be completed with Dir. of Admissions) and submit \$25 licensing fee (\$50 licensing fee for Esthetics).

Instructor Training applicants must provide a current license (Cosmetology, Manicuring, Esthetics, or Barber).

Barber Crossover applicants must provide a current Cosmetology license registered with the Missouri Board of Cosmetology.

Barber/Barber Crossover applicants must also complete a Barber Medical Form from the Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners.

Merrell University does not participate in the Ability to Benefit Program and does not require proof of immunizations and/or vaccinations. Merrell University reserves the right to deny an application of admission if it is not filled out in its entirety, admission requirements are incomplete/fraudulent, or the applicant has a felony conviction of a violent crime within the last 10 years.

FINANCIAL AID:

Merrell University is nationally accredited and approved for Pell Grants, Direct Loans, Job Training, Veterans Programs, and Vocational Rehabilitation. A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may be filled out online at: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> to determine your eligibility for Title IV programs. **Merrell University's school code needed for the FAFSA application is 016911.** Merrell University defines an academic year for all programs as 900hrs/30wks. Any questions concerning financial aid may be directed to Brandi Bax, Director of Financial Aid (appointments are required).

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Merrell University High School Scholarship:

Merrell University offers an annual Scholarship for Cosmetology and Esthetics to each high school in the area. The Scholarship amounts are \$1,000 for each program and are non-renewable. One Scholarship is awarded per high school and applied to tuition and fees upon completion of the course. Candidates should be in the upper 50% of their graduating class and indicate an interest in Cosmetology or Esthetics. Merrell University selects the recipient. Please check our website for an application.

A+ Recognition Scholarship:

Merrell University offers a non-renewable \$1,000 scholarship to any full-time, first-year student who successfully completes the Missouri A+ Program. Proof of A+ completion through transcript or certificate must

be submitted to the admissions office prior to enrollment. Scholarship will be applied to tuition and fees upon completion of the course.

Certificate of Excellence Scholarship:

A student who graduates from a course at Merrell University and qualifies for a Certificate of Excellence (graduates with a 95% GPA *and* 95% attendance or higher), will be eligible to receive a \$1,000 scholarship for any additional course offered at Merrell University.

Tuition may also be paid in full at the beginning of classes or the student may choose to take advantage of the school's interest-free payment plan. A registration fee of \$150 is required at time of enrollment for all courses. In case of illness or unforeseen circumstance, the registration fee may be applied to a different starting date within one year.

PIVOT POINT MEMBER SCHOOL:

Merrell University is a *Pivot Point Member School*. For more than five decades, Pivot Point has been one of the most respected leaders in hair and beauty education. Pivot Point prides itself in developing the very best educational materials, programs, and systems for every facet of the beauty industry. From hair designers to estheticians, to competition stylists and those who go on to teach future professionals, their educational methods are trusted to provide a solid foundation for success. Pivot Point's educational program has been refined and proven in nearly 2,000 schools and graduate centers on six continents. These systems empower individuals to maximize their potential and elevate the professionalism of the industry. Merrell University is committed to setting the example and standards of educational excellence.

ACCREDITATION:

Merrell University is accredited by the National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences (NACCAS). The U.S. Department of Education recognizes NACCAS as a national agency for the institutional accreditation of postsecondary schools. Being accredited means Merrell University has met or exceeded national standards of educational performance. Continuation of accreditation depends on maintenance of the established standards. Please keep in mind, not all Cosmetology schools are accredited.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

There are many career opportunities related to the beauty industry, they include (but are not limited to): hairstylist, esthetician, manicurist, barber, make-up artist, brand educator, skin-care specialist, salon/spa manager, school instructor, platform artist, sales consultant, beauty publicist, and salon/spa owner.

COMPENSATION:

According to the May 2023 Occupational Outlook Handbook published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of barbers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists is projected to grow 7% from 2023 to 2033, much faster than the average for all occupations. About 89,100 openings for barbers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Many of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire. The range of hourly rates for beauty professionals (median to highest 10th percentile) are between \$16.81-\$30.44 for cosmetologists, \$20.77-\$39.10 for estheticians (skincare specialists), \$17.38-\$29.37 for barbers, and between \$16.47-\$23.11 for manicurists and pedicurists.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

Merrell University provides essential skills for safety, sanitation, and infection control for all students in each program. Safety and sanitation are proven to be crucial elements in preventing transmitted diseases for clients, students, and licensed professionals. Bacterial infections, blood borne pathogens, hepatitis B and C, boils, rashes, and nail fungus are diseases that can be transmitted in salons/spas and student clinics.

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS:

After graduating from a licensed school in Missouri, students must take and pass the Missouri Board of Cosmetology and Barbers Examiners Board examination. The examination is in two parts. Part one is a practical examination and part two is a written examination approved by the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC). To obtain a license, the applicant must score a minimum of 75% on both parts to receive a passing grade.

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PHYSICAL DEMANDS OF THE PROFESSION:

The only major physical demand is that you be able to stand on your feet for extended periods of time. A cosmetologist or esthetician may be scheduled to work at different hours of the day on various days of the week. For more specific requirements to attend school see: Central Job Functions in the school catalog.

REGULATORY OVERSIGHT RESTRICTIONS:

Regulatory oversight requires outcome measures conducted by licensees. Representatives of State and Federal agencies oversee regulations that licensees must adhere to. For more information you can request a copy of the Missouri Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners Law and Rules book or visit <https://pr.mo.gov/cosbar.asp>.

ABILITY TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF EMPLOYERS:

Licensed employees in this industry must have acquired a skill set to meet industry standards. Along with entry-level skills, employers may require the ability to: follow directions, have necessary business skills for gainful employment, maintain a professional appearance, use time-management skills, have desirable customer-service and effective communication skills, show pride in work, display appropriate employer-employee relationships, be free from drug and alcohol abuse, understand and follow an employee handbook, and have physical stamina.

WHY THE ESTHETICS PROGRAM EXCEEDS THE STATE REQUIRED LENGTH:

Merrell University’s CIDESCO curriculum sets educational criteria to a much higher level than industry standards in Missouri. Upon completion of the Esthetics program (1125 hrs.), an additional 75 clock-hours must be completed to meet CIDESCO’s minimum requirement of 1200 clock-hours. The 75 additional hours will be provided to the student at no additional charge. The graduate will then be qualified to test internationally leading to a CIDESCO diploma. This diploma promotes more job opportunities including work outside the jurisdiction of state regulations and international waters, such as spas aboard cruise ships. By completion, students who plan to work in Missouri will have also met the requirements for licensure in both Esthetics and Manicuring.

MERRELL UNIVERSITY OUTCOME RATES:

(Program Category: 12.04 Cosmetology and Related Personal Grooming)

2023	
Graduation Rate:	92.31%
Placement Rate:	86.05%
Licensure Rate:	97.73%

A written declaration concerning the administrative capability and educational effectiveness of an accredited institution, is submitted to NACCAS each calendar year to determine outcome rates.

Merrell University invites you to schedule an appointment to tour our school. The best days for tours are Wednesday through Friday. **Call or text Scott Sharp at 573-635-4433 today!**

College Navigator is a free consumer information tool designed to help students, parents, high school counselors, and others get information about over 7000 colleges from the US Department of Education’s database for more information visit: <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/?q=merrell+university&s=all>

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