

## Chapter Cos 5

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**Note:** Chapter BC 5 was renumbered ch. Cos 5 under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 1., Stats., Register February 2013 No. 686.

**Note:** See Chapter SPS 50 for rules governing the licensing of barbers, barbering managers, and barbering establishments.

**Cos 5.001 Instruction.** An applicant for licensure as a cosmetologist, aesthetician, electrologist, or manicurist may receive instruction in a school of cosmetology licensed under s. 440.62 (3) (ar), Stats., exempted under s. 440.61, Stats., or accredited by any of the following:

(1) National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts & Sciences (NACCAS).

(2) Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC).

(3) Council on Occupational Education (COE).

(4) National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC).

(5) Any other accrediting agency relating to cosmetology that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

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**Cos 5.01 Courses.** (1) Schools that provide instruction to students for cosmetology practitioner, or specialty schools that provide instruction to students for aesthetician, electrologist, or manicurist licenses shall develop curricula for instruction that are based on the appropriate syllabus as approved by the board in this chapter.

(2) A school or specialty school shall offer at a minimum the practical and theory hours listed for subjects in the appropriate syllabus included in this section chapter.

(3) Courses may be offered to students remotely as deemed appropriate by the school and as approved by the board.

(4) Simulated patrons, such as mannequins, may be used for practical training as deemed appropriate by the board.

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**Cos 5.015 Persons providing practical instruction in schools and specialty schools.** No person may use the title, "Wisconsin certified cosmetologist, aesthetician, electrologist, or manicurist instructor," or use any title that implies the person is a Wisconsin certified instructor, or represents the person to be a Wisconsin certified instructor under this chapter unless the person holds a current license in cosmetology, aesthetics, electrology, or manicuring and meets the requirements under s. 440.63 (3), Stats.

**History:** CR 20-025: Register July 2021 No. 787, eff. 8-1-21.

**Cos 5.02 Practitioner license syllabus.** A syllabus for the practitioner license is shown below in Figure 5.02:

FIGURE 5.02

	SUBJECTS	THEORY HOURS	PRACTICAL HOURS
I.	Hygiene, grooming and personal development.	10	0
II.	Bacteriology, sterilization and sanitation.	20	20
III.	Haircutting, hair tapering (clipper-cuts), razor cutting, hairstyling, curling, thermal waving, finger-waving, roller setting, pincurl placement, blow-drying, shampoos, scalp and hair treatments, conditioning, reconditioning, hair analysis, and care of hairpieces, wigs and wefts. Tools, equipment and implements (identification and usage).	140	440
IV.	Hair straightening, hair relaxing, thermal hair straightening, blow-outs, permanents, hair coloring, tinting, bleaching and chemistry. Tools, equipment and implements (identification and usage).	185	392
V.	Shaving, beard and mustache shaping, trimming, superfluous hair removal, waxing, facials, facial massages, facial makeup, eyelashes, light therapy, basic principles of electricity, and introduction to electrology. Tools, equipment and implements (identification and usage).	35	60

VI.	Manicuring, including nail enhancement. Tools, equipment and implements (identification and usage).	10	25
VII.	Anatomy and physiology of the hair, skin and nails and disorders of the hair, skin, scalp and nails.	50	0
VII.	Product knowledge, product use and sales, preparing and consulting with customer for services.	30	0
IX.	Laws, rules, professional ethics and history of cosmetology.	18	0
X.	Individual student needs, industry trends and electives (e.g. recordkeeping, mathematics, communications, human relations, public relations, first aid, etc.) (Hours may include structured visits conducted by the school outside of the classroom at one or more cosmetology establishments.)	40	75
TOTAL HOURS:		538	1012

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**Cos 5.04 Aestheticians license syllabus.** A syllabus for the aestheticians license is shown below in Figure 5.04:

FIGURE 5.04

	SUBJECTS	THEORY HOURS	PRACTICAL HOURS
I.	Introduction		
	Law and Code, Bookkeeping, Business Management, History, and Ethics	26	
II.	Safety, Sanitation and Sterilization	30	20
III.	Anatomy and Physiology	30	
IV.	Chemistry, Treatments and Process	24	
V.	Treatment-Product and Techniques	32	96

VI.	Electricity, Machines and Equipment	10	35
VII.	Make-up and Color Analysis	12	20
VIII.	Individual Student Needs and Electives (Hours may include structured visits conducted by the school outside of the classroom at one or more cosmetology or aesthetics establishments.)	65	50
TOTAL HOURS:		229	221

**History:** Cr. Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8-1-89; am. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00; correction in Figure 5.04 made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 6., 7., Stats., Register February 2013 No. 686.

**Cos 5.05 Electrologist license syllabus.** A syllabus for the electrologist license is shown below in Figure 5.05:

FIGURE 5.05

	SUBJECTS	THEORY HOURS	PRACTICAL HOURS
I.	Introduction		
	Law and Code, Bookkeeping, Business Management, History and Ethics	30	
II.	Basic Principles of Electricity and Equipment Usage	20	20
III.	Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology	20	
IV.	Safety, Sanitation and Sterilization	30	20
V.	Modalities of Electrology	20	50
VI.	Electrology Techniques and Variables	20	50
VII.	Clinical Practice:		
	Consultation, Evaluation, Complications, Contraindications, Positioning and Draping, Lighting and Optics, and Epilatic Techniques	40	60
VIII.	Individual Student Needs and Electives (Hours may include structured visits conducted by the school outside of the classroom at one or more electrology establishments.)	30	40
TOTAL HOURS:		210	240

**History:** Cr. Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8-1-89; am. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Cos 5.06 Manicurist license syllabus.** A syllabus for the manicurist license is shown below in Figure 5.06:

FIGURE 5.06

	SUBJECTS	THEORY HOURS	PRACTICAL HOURS
I.	Introduction		
	Law and Codes, Book-keeping, Business Management, History and Ethics	36	
II.	Safety, Sanitation, Sterilization, First Aid and Bacteriology	10	25
III.	Nails and Skin Disorders	24	10
IV.	Anatomy and Physiology	18	8

V.	Manicuring and Pedicuring, including nail enhancement	24	112
VI.	Introduction to Advertising	12	
VII.	Individual Student Needs and Electives (Hours may include structured visits conducted by the school outside of the classroom at one or more cosmetology or manicuring establishments.)	7	14
TOTAL HOURS:		131	169

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