Paul Mitchell The School Rhode Island

NAIL TECHNICIAN COURSE INFORMATION

NAIL TECHNICIAN COURSE DESCRIPTION

Nail Technician: ***Standard Occupational Classification (SOC 39.5092.00)***
Classification of Instructional Program (CIP 12.0410)
The curriculum involves 300 hours to satisfy Rhode Island state requirements. The course includes instruction and practical experience in acrylic nails, gel nails, manicures, pedicures, massage, customer service, personal appearance & hygiene, personal motivation and development, retail skills, client record keeping, business ethics, state laws and regulations, salon-type administration, and job interviewing.

***Graduates are prepared for an entry level nail technician.**

This course is taught in English. Textbooks and course materials are only offered in the English Language.

NAIL TECHNICIAN COURSE OVERVIEW

Course Hours: 300 clock hours

The course is divided into pre-clinical classroom instruction and clinical service learning experiences.

- **Pre-clinical Classroom Instruction:** The first 60 hours are devoted to pre-clinical classroom instruction where Future Professionals develop foundational knowledge and practical skills through classroom workshops, demonstrations, theory instruction, and guided practice. Instruction emphasizes design principles, technical procedures, safety and sanitation, professional conduct, and readiness for supervised services.
- **Clinic Classroom Learning Experience:** Future Professionals apply classroom learning through supervised practical instruction and guest services. With coaching and guidance from Learning Leaders, they refine technical skills, consultation and communication, guest experience, product recommendations, and professional work habits. Learning continues through mini-classes, feedback, and structured practice.

NAIL TECHNICIAN COURSE OUTLINE

- **Core Curriculum:** The Core Curriculum introduces the foundational principles and skills of the program through theory instruction, demonstrations, and hands-on practice. Future Professionals build essential technical knowledge, safety and sanitation practices, client care, and professional habits. Learning Leaders monitor progress, and learning is evaluated through written, oral, and practical methods, as applicable. Completing Core successfully prepares students for the next phase of their education, including supervised clinic classroom experiences.
- **Clinic Classroom Learning Experience:** In the clinic classroom, Future Professionals provide services to guests under Learning Leader supervision. They keep learning and reinforce classroom instruction through coaching, mini-classes, practical worksheets, and progress evaluations. They practice consultations, service planning, technical proficiency, guest communication, sanitation and safety, and professional service habits.
- **Classroom Learning Experience:** Instruction combines theory, demonstrations, and practical application. Additional learning opportunities may address retailing and product knowledge, communication, professional development, motivation, and career readiness, facilitated by appropriate school team members or guest artists.

NAIL TECHNICIAN COURSE SUBJECTS

The instructional program of Paul Mitchell The School Rhode Island meets or exceeds the state requirements:

Subject	Minimum Hours of Technical Application	Minimum Hours of Technical Application
Orientation and Professional Ethics	3	
Laws and Regulations	5	
HIV/AIDS	5	
Sanitation	10	
Nail and Disorders	10	
Manicuring	20	40
Pedicuring	10	20
Nail Art	10	10
Tips and Overlays	15	30
Sculptured Nails	20	30
Wrapping/Mending/Capping	10	30
Salon Management	12	
Employment Skills	10	
TOTAL HOURS	**140**	**160**

The institution offers employment assistance to help graduates' efforts to secure education-related employment that includes, but is not limited to training in professionalism, resume' development, job interview preparation and job search skills.

NAIL TECHNICIAN PROGRAM TESTING AND GRADING PROCEDURE

The following tests and grading procedures are used to assess student learning and mastery of course content in the 300-hour course:

1. **Weekly theory exams:** Students must receive a grade of 70% or higher on each theory exam.
2. **Final Exam:** Students must receive a grade of 70% or higher on their final exam.
3. **Clinic practical worksheets:** Students must complete all clinic classroom practical worksheets.