

ACTION PLAN

Actions Taken to Improve Student Performance on Cosmetology Licensure Exams 2003 - 2004

1. Students were previously evaluated every 300 hours during the 1500 hours of attendance/study. Each evaluation required 70% passing grade to go forward. Each evaluation tested only the material covered during the specific 300 hour span of study.
Action Taken: Students are still evaluated every 300 hours during the 1500 hours of attendance per student. Each evaluation now requires 75% instead of 70% passing grade to go forward. Each evaluation now tests not only the material during the specific 300-hour span of study but also the material also covered up to that point.
2. The weight of the exam for each 300 hour evaluation was previously 25% of the final grade with daily grades counting 75%.
Action Taken: The weight of the final exam is now 75% of the final grade with daily grades counting 25%.
3. Students previously were required to complete all 1500 clock hours of study before being allowed to take the Department of Cosmetic Arts examination for licensing.
Action Taken: It was recommended jointly by Wayne Community College, Mitchell's Hairstyling Academy, and other North Carolina Schools of Cosmetic Arts and Science to allow a cosmetology student to take the theory portion of the licensing exam after completing 1000 hours of study. This action was approved and became effective in October 2003. Students have been allowed to take the theory portion of the licensing exam at the completion of 1000 hours of study and the final practical portion of the exam at 1500 hours of study.
4. The present textbook used in the Cosmetology program has been reviewed.
Action Taken: It was recommended that a new textbook be implemented in Fall 2005