

How to Become a Hair Stylist in the United States



If you want to work as a hair stylist in the United States, you will have to attend a cosmetology program that has been approved by the state¹ in which you want to work. Many states also stipulate that anyone working in this field have a high school diploma.

While specific coursework may differ depending on the program you choose, certain classes are typically part of every school's curriculum. Here are examples of courses you should expect to take:

Sanitation and sterilization, hair cutting and shaping, hair analysis, hair and scalp disorders and diseases, texturizing, hair extensions, color methods, permanent waving and salon management.

A hair stylist's professional development doesn't end with the initial training he or she receives. To keep up with current trends, you will have to continue to take courses throughout your career.

Even after you graduate from a cosmetology program, your journey toward becoming a professional hair stylist is not over. To cut clients' hair, you need a state-issued license². Requirements vary, but most states require that licensed hair stylists be least 16 years old and have completed a cosmetology program approved by that state.

In addition to graduating from beauty school, you will have to take and pass a written exam. Some states also require passing a practical exam, during which you will have to demonstrate your styling skills.

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¹ State : état

² License : autorisation délivrée par l'état