

Odessa College  
Barber, Cosmetology & Manicurist  
Program Fact Sheet

Applications must be complete in order to be entered into the process for admission

**Pre-Admission Requirements:**

- Admissions completed for Odessa College. Application and Financial Aid (found on **odessa.edu**)
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required from most recent college or high school diplomas. Proof of GED is also accepted.
- Submit all previous college/university/high school transcripts (Official copy to Records office and unofficial copy w/application)
- Meet immunization requirements. Meningitis if under 22 years of age
- Be at least 17 years of age for post-secondary program
- Current state issued driver's license or ID

**Additional Admissions Information:**

- Applications accepted: **By May 1<sup>st</sup>** (for Fall Term) & **by Oct 1<sup>st</sup> (Spring Term)**
- Prospective students will be interviewed before being accepted into the program
- To be considered for the Barber or Cosmetology program all parts of the application **must** be completed by the deadline listed above: May 1<sup>st</sup> for fall terms and **Oct 1<sup>st</sup> for spring terms.**

**Number of Students Admitted to Program:**

- **Post Secondary: 30 in August & January**
- **Transfer students: depends on station availability**
- **Number of students admitted may vary by term based on program resources.**
- **6 for manicurist**

**Post-Admission Requirements:**

- Purchase TDLR permit, uniforms, supplies, kit, shears, and textbooks as required by the program (non-refundable).
  - TDLR permit: \$25 cash due at Orientation
  - Uniforms: 4 sets of scrubs purchased by the student (must have by first day of class, color will depend on program)
  - Shears: \$140 cash, check, or money order due at Orientation, no refunds if you decide to not pursue the program
  - Kit & Textbooks: approximately \$2000- \$2500 at campus store in Spur building due by 1<sup>st</sup> day of class
  - Students will be expected to pay additional fees required for the State licensing written (\$55 at 1000 hours) and practical exam (\$76 once course is complete) license fee (\$50.00).
- Liability insurance is required and is part of the college fee schedule and will be included in your tuition and fees
- **Eligibility for a TDLR license could be affected by a person's criminal history. See attached form**
- **Attend mandatory orientation** at Odessa College on the scheduled date. **If you fail to attend orientation you will need to reapply at the next available date.**
- Students must wear closed toe and heel tennis shoes and scrubs

**Program Length:**

- The Barber/Cosmetology program is a 2-semester full-time program. Students will attend class Monday - Thursday 8-5. Students who do not maintain their hours (no more than 8 hours behind) can be removed from credit courses and

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will take longer to complete the program and have added expenses. **Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA** to stay in the program.

- Night program – 4 semesters M-TH 5-9pm
- Manicuring – 2 semesters M-T 8-5

**Program Cost:**

- The estimated cost to the program is approximately: In District: \$8,000.00, Out of District: \$ 9,900.00 & Out of State: \$15,000. This estimate includes tuition, fees, and supplies.

**Financial Aid:**

- Financial Aid and scholarship assistance are available to Cosmetology students. The prospective student is advised to contact the Financial Aid Office at Odessa College for more information on FAFSA (Financial Aid 432-335-6429) and scholarships (Contact the Foundation Office 432-335-6648). **Be advised, it takes several months to hear back from FAFSA so be prepared to make payments or fill out paperwork in a timely manner.**
- **Promise Scholarship – pays for tuition but NOT kit or books (student will be responsible for these fees)**

**Job Description:**

- Practice of Barbering or Cosmetology is the practice of performing or offering the following services: coloring, beautifying, cutting, dressing, styling, etc. on hair; facial treatments, nail treatments and enhancements, pedicures, and application of extensions. Employment opportunities once licensed are available in many settings, such as hourly salons, commission establishments, lease establishments, barber or beauty supplies, cruise lines, and spas, to name a few.

**Salary:**

- The annual salary range for entry level Practitioner at an hourly chain salon, in the Permian Basin is \$39,000. These figures do not include tips, bonuses, and commission from services or products. High-end establishments with experienced practitioner ranges from \$40,000 to \$100,000 for full-time. Booth rentals range from \$125 to \$300 a week locally.

**Certification and Licensure:**

- Graduates who successfully complete the program are eligible to receive a Certificate of Completion from Odessa College and take the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation written exam. Upon receiving a passing grade on the written portion of the state exam, students are eligible to take the practical portion of the licensing exam to become a licensed Cosmetologist, Barber, or Manicurist.

**Educational Options:**

- Students completing the program may go on to earn an Associate's Degree in Cosmetology.
- Students may also take crossover courses to be dual licensed; either Barber or Cosmo

**Questions:**

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