



# Cosmetology: More than “Just Makeup”

For years, a common misconception about the word “cosmetology” has been that it is “merely learning how to do makeup”. However, cosmetology is a profession that requires so much more than just applying foundation or putting on mascara and should be socially considered as such. Cosmetology encompasses practices such as hair care, skin care, and nail care. A licensed cosmetologist must be well versed in all three. Learning things such as hair cutting, applying acrylic nails, performing a galvanic facial, anatomy and chemistry are just a few areas of study; a cosmetologist must prove themselves sufficient in it.

The right beauty care service can do so much for a person. It can bring out a person's personality, help them age gracefully, making them feel better about themselves thereby leading them to an overall happier life. Here at Lively, we teach our students that more than a profession, cosmetology is a technique that enhances their lives, as well as those of the people they perform on.

**Hair:**

Whether it be just a trim or a full new do, the right haircut from a licensed cosmetologist can make a person shine inside and out. However, without the proper training, a stylist could be someone's worst nightmare. While learning cosmetology, students learn all about chemical texturizing, extensions and all things hair. By the end of the program, students will be extremely experienced in performing styling services for both men and women.

**Nails:**

When it comes to nails, cosmetologists are sufficiently practiced in basic manicures, pedicures, acrylic applications and all things nails. This is because nail care services are practices covered on the State Board of Cosmetology exam, a passing score is a requirement to get your cosmetology license in Florida. Without a license, a person is unqualified to be performing nail services.

**Skin:**

As our most noticeable feature, our skin is important enough to be worth taking care of. After completing the cosmetology program at Lively, students will have knowledge of skin care practices. Hair removal, facials, and makeup are just a few of the techniques that our students take away from their experience in the cosmetology program.

The Lively Technical College program of cosmetology strives to teach our students more than the surface knowledge of this practice. We know they will leave with an understanding of communication, leadership, and safe work skills. Without those key elements, society may continue to see cosmetology as “just makeup” when it is far more than that.

