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## **Compton Community College District Signs Memorandum of Understanding to Provide Cosmetology Program at Paramount Adult School**

The Compton Community College District (CCCD) and the Paramount Unified School District (PUSD) have partnered to provide a new Cosmetology Program at Paramount Adult School beginning in spring 2019.

At its Oct. 16, 2018 meeting, the CCCD Board of Trustees approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Interim Facilities Use Agreement between the two educational institutions. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Cosmetology Program took place on Oct. 11, 2018 at the Paramount Adult School.

“The Compton Community College District is excited to partner with the Paramount Unified School District to offer a comprehensive Cosmetology Program, which will expand the Career and Technical Education pathway at Compton College and provide training for viable career options for the communities served by the Paramount Adult School,” said Nicole J. Jones, CCCD Board of Trustees president.

Those who enroll in the Paramount Adult School Cosmetology Program will receive training in cosmetology to become a hairstylist and provide beauty services such as shampooing, cutting, coloring and styling hair. Employment of hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists is projected to grow 10 percent from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Demand for hair coloring, hair straightening, and other advanced hair treatments has risen in recent years, a trend that is expected to continue over the coming decade.

### **The Cosmetology Program classes include:**

- Introduction to Cosmetology I
- Introduction to Cosmetology II

This is a two-course introductory series covering the principles and practical operations of cosmetology techniques, procedures, and equipment for wet and thermal styling, permanent waving, chemical straightening, hair coloring, scalp treatments, manicuring and pedicuring. This sequence of courses prepares students for the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology examination and employment.

Paramount Adult School students who enroll in the Cosmetology Program then have the option to continue their cosmetology coursework by enrolling at Compton College to earn a Certificate of Achievement or an associate degree by completing all the required courses in the program.

In addition to enrollment fees of \$46 per unit, students enrolling in the program for the first time must purchase a cosmetology school kit for approximately \$1,450 to \$1,600, which may be covered through financial aid for eligible students.

“We are proud to offer this new program at Paramount Adult School. Cosmetology is a practical industry that offers consumers a desirable service,” said Dr. Deborah LeBlanc, CCCD Board of Trustees member for Trustee Area 4 – Paramount. “Licensed cosmetologists also have the opportunity to become independent contractors who run their own businesses.”

The Paramount Adult School is located at 14507 Paramount Boulevard, Paramount, CA 90273. For more information about the new Cosmetology Program being offered beginning in spring 2019, please call 562-602-8080.

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#### **About the Compton Community College District**

Board meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.