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Cosmetology Now Offered at El Camino College Compton Center *Grand Opening and Open House to be Held August 16*

Beginning this fall, El Camino College Compton Center will offer a **Cosmetology** program for students interested in the beauty and wellness industry to earn a two-year degree and various certificates. Students may enroll now for the fall 2016 semester with cosmetology classes being offered in both daytime and evening sessions. Space is limited in the cosmetology program, so students are encouraged to enroll immediately. To apply and register, please visit www.compton.edu/apply.

Those who enroll in the new program will receive training in cosmetology to become a hairstylist and provide beauty services such as shampooing, cutting, coloring and styling hair. In two years or less, students can earn a certificate, or an associate degree, which prepares them to take the California State Board of Cosmetology Licensing Examination. To earn an associate degree in cosmetology, students must complete a minimum of 1,600 hours equal to 35 units.

In addition to tuition and fees, 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.

Licensed cosmetologists have opportunities for employment as salon technicians, independent consultants, and future opportunities as specialists or in management. It can be a rewarding career for creative individuals who enjoy working with people.

“El Camino College Compton Center is excited to launch the new cosmetology program, to continue meeting the needs of our community,” said Dr. Keith Curry, provost for El Camino College Compton Center. “Cosmetology is a viable industry that offers consumers a desirable service. Licensed cosmetologists also have the opportunity to become independent contractors who run their own businesses.”

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.

“Students who complete this program can become gainfully employed in an industry with lots of growth potential and areas of specialization,” said Dr. Rodney Murray, dean of student learning at ECC Compton Center. “Cosmetology can tie in with other disciplines such as fashion and the arts, leading to a variety of opportunities to promote students’ creativity.”

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A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the launch of the Cosmetology program will be held on August 16 at 3:00 p.m. The event will include an open house and tours of the cosmetology facility on campus.

For more information about the Cosmetology program at ECC Compton Center, please contact the Career and Technical Education department at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2137 or via email at cvaldez@elcamino.edu.

About El Camino College Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. El Camino College Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

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