
Barbering Curriculum Standards

The Background:

Curriculum frameworks are mandated by Rules, Regulations, and Minimum Standards of the State Board of Education (Section 0520-01-03-.05, State Curriculum, Requirement D).

The barbering program is currently a special program of study in Tennessee secondary schools. There has been an expanded interest in the program of study to the extent that local educational agencies are requesting that it be a regular program of study. Students in this new program of study can receive dual credit and dual enrollment at some postsecondary schools to complete the needed hours to take the state barbering license exam.

Today barbers receive extensive training in barber schools, cosmetology schools and beauty schools. When individuals choose a career as a barber, they become part of an ancient professional legacy with more opportunities than ever. One can cut hair in a traditional shop with a barber pole or can train as a master barber and work in a high-end salon. The Bureau of Labor Statistics lists barbering as just one of the cosmetology careers that can expect continued growth through 2014. Barbering professionals also can train to become barbering instructors. High school students completing 1,500 hours can earn the Tennessee Certified Barbering License. This allows students in high school to complete an industry certificate while in school and possible diplomas of distinction. If students need to complete a portion of the 1,500 hours after high school, then there are several private and Tennessee Technology Center postsecondary schools that offer that opportunity. Individuals can also become a barbering instructor with the Tennessee Barbering Instructor License.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of the standards on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.