

Will the RVCC Cosmetology Completer Program be a good fit for my son or daughter?

- This Program is designed for a student entering grade 11 within Somerset County who has a serious interest and want to pursue a license in the field of Cosmetology. During grades 11 & 12, the student will obtain 575 hours of comprehensive knowledge through the recommended science course, as well as coursework in both theory and practical at SCVTHS. Upon graduation from SCVTHS, the student will apply to RVCC where 575 hours will be transferred and the student will complete the adult Cosmetology Program of 1,200 hours.

How does RVCC Cosmetology Completer Program work?

- The student will apply to the Program during the 10th grade year. Based on entrance exams, attendance records, grades, and discipline, the student is admitted to the Program as a Junior with the option to attend Vo-Tech shared- or full-time. A student will complete the first half of the Program at Vo-Tech and upon graduation will apply to RVCC and finish out the requirements for licensure in an advanced course from June of graduation to December of that same year.

How is the New Jersey state approved Vocational Cosmetology Program different from the RVCC Cosmetology Completer Program?

- Any student enrolled in a vocational high school will need to obtain 1,000 hours to take both the written and practical exam. Any adult enrolled in the *RVCC Cosmetology Completer Program* will need to obtain 1,200 hours in order to take both exams.
- A student will start the Vocational Program during grades 9 or 10 but will start the Transfer Program during grade 11.

What are the requirements for entry?

- A student must submit an application to our school prior to the deadline. A student must not have any major discipline incidents nor any excessive absences. Additionally, a student must be in good academic standing and receive no less than a C in any High School Science course. Any student who submits an application will partake in our entrance testing. A student will take an entrance exam for both English and Math. A student must score at least a 7.0 on both assessments.

What are the requirements to stay in the Program during grades 11 and 12?

- A student must maintain an average of at least an 80% in Cosmetology class and a 75% in the related science course. Throughout the year, a student will be given benchmarks at specific points and also must receive at least an 80% on each. Additionally, a student must maintain a minimum attendance rate of 92%.

How does my child get to Vo-Tech?

- Transportation is provided by the sending district. Questions about transportation may be directed to the transportation department at the sending district.

What are the costs to the parent?

- During your child's first year in the Program one will need to purchase a Cosmetology Kit (\$194), a smock (\$21), as well as black rubber soled shoes and solid black scrub pants. The Cosmetology Kit and smock should last your child through year 1 and 2 in the Program as well as during the student's time at RVCC.
- During your child's time at RVCC the student will be required to pay for the cost of tuition which is set by RVCC. The cost of tuition includes custom materials (materials minus the ones purchased in the kit), 4-6 week practicum, additional certifications, permit,

assessment fees, 1st year license, transportation to all trainings, and the transfer of 575 hours from SCVTHS.

What is the Accuplacer and what placement does my child need?

- The Accuplacer is a test that shows college readiness and is needed to enter RVCC. During the Spring of the student's Junior year, your child will take the Accuplacer for Math and English. The student will need to place into Math 020 and English 060.

When does my child apply to RVCC?

- A student starts the application to RVCC during the Spring of the student's Junior year and completes it during the Fall of Senior year.

Please check out our [Cosmetology Student Handbook](#) for more information regarding the day-to-day operations within the shop.