

Student Right to Know

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The following information is provided to you as a student or perspective student (before any financial commitment is made) of Stewart School. Please contact our Admissions department at (605) 336-2775 or toll free at (800) 537-2625 if you have additional questions regarding course specifications.

Cosmetology Program

Enrollment Period 9/1/21 through 8/31/22

Cosmetology Graduation Rates:

During this enrollment period, 94 Students enrolled in the Cosmetology program.

- Of the 94 students enrolled, 78 successfully completed the program (83%).
- Of the 94 students enrolled, 63 were certificate seeking, first-time, full-time undergraduate students (67%).
- Of the 63 first-time, full-time certificate seeking undergraduate students enrolled, 54 successfully completed the program within 150% of the normal program length (86%).

Cosmetology FTFT Enrollment Statistics:

Of the 63 first-time, full-time, certificate seeking undergraduate students who enrolled in the Cosmetology program:

- 54 of 63 female students completed the program (86%).
- 44 of 49 Caucasian students completed the program (79%).
- 2 of 3 Black/African American students complete the program (67%).
- 3 of 4 Hispanic/Latino student completed the program (75%).
- 4 of 4 American Indian students completed the program (100%).
- 1 of 1 Asian student completed the program (100%)
- 0 of 2 Two or more ethnicity students completed the program (0%)
- 20 of 29 Pell Grant recipients completed the program (69%).
- 20 of 20 Stafford Loan (but no Federal Pell Grant) completed the program (100%).
- 14 of 14 received no Pell Grant or Stafford Loan completed the program (100%).

Cosmetology Licensing / Employment Rates:

Of the 78 Cosmetology graduates:

- 75 successfully passed the state board exam (96%).
- 75 achieved state licensing (96%).
- 68 were employed in related fields (87%).

Of the 54 FTFT Cosmetology graduates:

- 51 passed the state board exam (94%).
- 51 achieved state licensing (94%).
- 47 were employed in related fields (87%).

Esthetics Program

Enrollment Period 9/1/21 through 8/31/22

Esthetic Graduation Rates:

During this enrollment period, 24 Students enrolled in the Esthetic program.

- 23 of 24 students successfully completed the program (96%).
- 13 of the 24 students enrolled in the Esthetics program were certificate seeking, first-time, full-time undergraduate students (54%).
- Of the 13 first-time, full-time certificate seeking undergraduate students enrolled, 13 successfully completed the program within 150% of the normal program length (100%).

Esthetic FTFT Enrollment Statistics:

Of the 13 first-time, full-time, certificate seeking undergraduate students who enrolled in the Esthetic program:

- 13 of 13 female students completed the program (100%).
- 9 of 9 Caucasian students completed the program (75%).
- 2 of 2 African American students completed the program (100%)
- 1 of 1 Hispanic student completed the program (100%)
- 1 of 1 unknown ethnicity student completed the program (100%)
- 5 of 5 Pell Grant recipients completed the program (100%).
- 6 of 6 received a Stafford Loan (but no Federal Pell Grant) completed the program (100%).
- 2 of 2 received no Pell Grant or Stafford Loan completed the program (100%).

Esthetic Licensing / Employment Rates:

Of the 23 Esthetic graduates:

- 22 successfully passed the state board exam (96%).
- 22 achieved state licensing (96%).
- 21 were employed in related fields (91%).

Of the 13 FTFT Esthetic graduates:

- 13 passed the state board exam (100%).
- 13 achieved state licensing (100%).
- 13 were employed in related fields (100%).

Massage Therapy Program

Enrollment Period 9/1/21 through 8/31/22

Massage Therapy Graduation Rates:

During this enrollment period, 7 Students enrolled in the Massage Therapy program.

- 7 of 7 students successfully completed the program (100%).
- 1 of the 7 students enrolled in the Esthetics program were certificate seeking, first-time, full-time undergraduate students (14%).
- The 1 first-time, full-time certificate seeking undergraduate students completed the program within 150% of the normal program length (100%).

Massage Therapy FTFT Enrollment Statistics:

Of the 1 first-time, full-time, certificate seeking undergraduate students who enrolled in the Esthetic program:

- 1 female student completed the program (100%).
- 1 Caucasian student completed the program (100%).
- 1 Pell Grant recipient completed the program (100%).

Massage Therapy Licensing / Employment Rates:

Of the 7 Massage Therapy graduates:

- 7 successfully passed the MBLEX test (100%).
- 7 achieved state licensing (100%).
- 7 were employed in related fields (100%).

Of the 1 FTFT Massage Therapy graduate:

- 1 successfully passed the MBLEX test (100%).
- 1 achieved state licensing (100%).
- 1 were employed in related fields (100%).

Nail Technology Program

Enrollment Period 9/1/21 through 8/31/22

Does not qualify for Federal Financial Aid

Nail Technology Graduation Rates:

During this enrollment period, 8 Students enrolled in the Nail Technology program.

- Of the 8 students, all 7 successfully completed the program (88%).
- Of the 8 students enrolled in the Nail Technology program, 4 were certificate seeking, first-time, full-time undergraduate students (50%).
- Of the 4 first-time, full-time certificate seeking undergraduate students, 3 completed the program within 150% of the normal program length (75%).

Nail Technology FTFT Enrollment Statistics:

The 4 first-time, full-time, certificate seeking undergraduate students was:

- 3 of 4 Female students completed the program (75%).
- 1 of 1 Unknown ethnicity student completed the program (100%)
- 0 of 1 Hispanic student completed the program (0%)
- 2 of 2 Caucasian students completed the program (100%)

Nail Technology Licensing / Employment Rates:

Of the 7 Nail Technology graduates:

- 5 successfully passed the state board exam (71%).
- 5 achieved state licensing (71%).
- 4 were employed in related fields (57%).

Of the 3 FTFT Nail Technology graduates:

- 3 passed the state board exam (100%).
- 3 achieved state licensing (100%).
- 3 were employed in related fields (71%).

Stewart School IPEDS 2021 Retention Rate: 94% of the first-time full-time students who began their studies in the fall of 2021 returned in the fall of 2022. <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>

Stewart School Transfer-Out Rate: The school does not track transfer out rates.

Confidentiality of Student Records:

Stewart School provides privacy and protection concerning information in student files in accordance with The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99). This is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to

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their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

- Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies (Stewart School charges a \$10 fee).
- Parents or eligible students have the right to request that the school correct records, which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.

Generally, Stewart School must have written permission from the parent or eligible student to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):

- School officials with legitimate educational interest.
- Other schools to which a student is transferring.
- Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes.
- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student.
- Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school.
- Accrediting organizations.

Accreditation: The Accrediting Commission for Career Schools and Colleges accredits Stewart School. (ACCSC)

Licensure: The South Dakota Cosmetology Commission licenses Stewart School for Cosmetology, Esthetics and Nail Technology. The South Dakota Board of Massage Therapy recognizes Stewart School as a facility from which the board will accept training.

Stewart School is an approved South Dakota school that meets the SD requirements, however, the school either does not meet, or we are unaware of whether we meet, the license requirements of any other State. If you plan to work in any other state (including MN or IA), know that we are not approved in either state, we recommend you determine the additional steps/training needed to become licensed.

Financial Aid Availability: Stewart School provides general Financial Assistance information regarding financial aid programs, application processing, and financial aid awarding. Financial Aid is available to all students who qualify. Financial Aid is not available for Nail Technology students.

Vaccination Policy: Stewart School currently does not have any vaccination requirements.

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Annual Security Report: Stewart School has on file the Campus Crime Report filed with the Federal Department of Education: [Annual Security Report](#) Stewart School also has a written policy for crime reporting that is available on our website www.stewartschool.edu.

Employment Opportunities:

Cosmetologists: Cosmetologists licensed in the state of South Dakota may find employment in a beauty salon, beauty school, beauty spa, beauty supply company or manufacturer, or in department store cosmetic counters. Many cosmetologists choose to own and operate their own salon business. Employment opportunities are posted on a job placement notification board within the school.

Estheticians: Skin Care Specialists and Estheticians licensed in the state of South Dakota may find employment in a beauty salon, a spa, a resort, a beauty school, a beauty supply company or manufacturer, as well as in department store cosmetic counters. Many estheticians choose to own and operate their own salon or spa business.

Massage Therapist: Massage Therapists may find employment in a massage therapy clinic, chiropractic office, physical therapy clinic, health spa, beauty salon, hospital, with an athletic team or sporting event, or may own and operate their own business or clinic. Employment opportunities are posted on a job board within the school.

Nail Technology: Nail Technologists licensed in the state of South Dakota may find employment in beauty salons or nail salons, beauty schools, beauty spas, beauty supply companies and nail product manufacturers, as well as in department store cosmetic counter. Many nail technologists choose to be an independent contractor or own their own nail salon.

Compensation: According to the [South Dakota Department of Labor Wage Estimate](#) the mean income is reported as:

Cosmetologists annual mean wage is \$40,890,
Estheticians, Skin Care Specialists annual mean wage is \$40,230,
Nail Technician annual mean wage is \$41,490, and
Massage Therapy annual mean wage is \$48,920.

The most common forms of compensation for Cosmetology Arts and Science employees and Estheticians are commission or standard hourly wages. The cosmetologist or esthetician may also opt for independent contracting status. In all instances, compensation should increase as skill, speed, and clientele development progresses.

Physical Demands:

Cosmetology services require good physical stamina to allow standing for long periods of time. Use of hands and arms are necessary with precise finger dexterity essential. Use of sight and hearing senses are required. A 10-25 lb. lifting requirement is necessary for moving light equipment and supplies.

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Massage Therapy requires strong physical stamina and ability to concentrate. Use of hands, arms and fingers are necessary for massage manipulations. Massage Therapists must develop hand and arm strength, as well as upper body and leg muscles to exercise good body mechanics to withstand the demand of massaging muscle tissue. Therapists must be able to stand for 1-2-hour increments of time. Light lifting (up to 25 lbs.) is required to assist clients on and off the massage table.

Nail Technicians must be able to sit and bend forward easily and for long periods of time. Use of hands and arms are necessary with precise finger dexterity essential. Use of sight and hearing senses are required. A 10-25 lbs. lifting requirement is necessary for moving light equipment and supplies.

Safety Requirements: Cosmetology, Esthetics and Nail Technicians are considered a "personal service worker" occupation for OSHA. Therefore, they both must adhere to the safety regulations of the Center for Disease Control. Sterilization and sanitation of work area and equipment, plus knowledge of disease prevention that affects the personal service worker today are necessary. Cosmetologists, Estheticians, Nail Technicians, and Massage Therapists are required to wash hands before attending clients and to wear disposable gloves for certain services or particularly when the potential of blood borne pathogens may be present. Contaminated trash and "sharps" must be disposed of properly. Sanitation and safety laws governing cosmetology in South Dakota can be found in [South Dakota Codified Law, Chapter 36-15 and South Dakota Administrative Rule, Rule 20:42](#). Also, possible allergies resulting from exposure to hair products and chemicals that a cosmetologist is exposed to should be considered.

Massage Therapists must be aware of the contraindications of massage that could pose a threat to the client. The therapist must also implement correct body mechanics to withstand the energy output and physical drain on the body worker. The sanitation of work area and equipment, as well as health issues and knowledge of disease prevention that affect the personal service worker, is addressed in detail in the program.

Licensing Fees and Requirements: The South Dakota Cosmetology Commission licenses South Dakota Cosmetology Arts and Science practitioners, Estheticians and Nail Technicians. South Dakota Cosmetology, Esthetic and Nail Technology graduates must pass a national cosmetology licensing examination. In South Dakota students are allowed to take the licensing exam while still enrolled in school. At Stewart School we encourage our students to wait to take the test until they successfully pass their Senior Exams. The fee to take the exam is \$100.00 and is the full responsibility of the student. Students who successfully pass the state exam will be issued a Cosmetology, Esthetic or Nail Technology License. The renewal fee for licensure in the state of South Dakota is annually on their birthdate at the cost of \$25.00. Information on other states licensing requirements can be obtained from the school director. These licensing fees are applicable for South Dakota Licensing only. Should the student seek licensure in any other state, the student must adhere to that state's licensing requirements and the cost of the out-of-state licensure and testing is the student's responsibility.

Massage Therapists who wish to work in the state of South Dakota must graduate from a Massage School recognized by the South Dakota Board of Massage Therapy and pass a National Exam (MBLEx). The cost of the

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exam is \$365.00. The cost of the exam is \$365.00 and is the responsibility of the student. Students are encouraged to register for the test before they complete the program. Students who successfully pass the

national exam may then apply for licensure in any state. The license application fee for South Dakota is \$165. Renewal of a Massage Therapy license in the state of South Dakota is \$65 annually. Licensed Massage Therapist are required to complete eight hours of Continuing Education biannually.

Violence Against Women Act: Stewart School provides programs regarding sexual assault, sexual assault risk reduction, sexual assault education, and sexual assault reporting process to civil authorities and college authorities. These programs are scheduled throughout the year for students and employees. Stewart School's VAWA policy is available on our website www.stewartschool.edu under the tab Title IX – Federal Anti-Discrimination Policy Jeanne Cleary Act Violence Against Women (VAWA). Filing a report with the school is confidential and will not obligate the victim to prosecute, nor will it subject the victim to scrutiny, negative repercussion, or judgmental opinions from the school. Sexual assault statewide counseling opportunities can be found at the following website <https://www.sdcedsv.org/>