# Arkansas Department of Health Cosmetology Section

# CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN

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# Instructor

This Candidate Information Bulletin ("CIB") is intended for your use in preparing for and understanding the processes and procedures for applying for licensure and scheduling to test. The Arkansas Department of Health Cosmetology Section (the "Cosmetology Section") is responsible for licensing and regulating the profession of cosmetology in the State of Arkansas. The Cosmetology Section will exclusively use the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology ("NIC") examinations.

**How to Apply with the Cosmetology Section:** A candidate must legibly and accurately submit a completed Application for Practitioner Examination form, Certificate of Training Form (from the school) and the examination fee to the Cosmetology Section.

**Eligibility Requirements:** A candidate who wishes to obtain an Instructor's license must pass both a **written** and a **practical** examination. To qualify to take either of these examinations, a candidate **must**:

- 1. Have successfully completed a **600**-hour course of instruction in a Cosmetology Section-approved school of cosmetology. School must submit a completed Certificate of Training Form. Forms can be downloaded online at <a href="https://www.arkansas.gov/cos">www.arkansas.gov/cos</a>
- 2. Be at least 21 years old;
- 3. Must have a current license in the field you wish to teach (Cosmetology, Manicuring, Aesthetics, Electrology)
- \*If you are applying to take the Electrologist Instructor exam, you are also required to have three (3) years of practical experience as an electrologist in the State of Arkansas within the past five (5) years.

<u>RECIPROCITY</u> – If you hold a current license in a different state, you are required to submit a completed Reciprocity Form. Forms can be downloaded online at <u>www.arkansas.gov/cos</u>

<u>Special Accommodations</u>: If you need special accommodations under the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, you must make the request at the time you submit your Application for Practitioner Examination form or Reciprocity Form to the Cosmetology Section, along with supporting medical documentation. No interpreters are allowed for either the practical or written examinations.

Any questions regarding your eligibility status should be directed to the Cosmetology Section (see contact information listed above). If approved, you will receive additional information from the Cosmetology Section regarding the examinations you have been approved to take.

If you are **not** approved because of an incomplete application, discrepancies, missing documentation, including signatures, you will be notified by the Cosmetology Section and your eligibility status will be pending until you make the necessary and requested corrections. If necessary, your documentation will be returned to you by mail. All information on file with the Cosmetology Section must reflect the above eligibility requirements and met by the deadline date in order to be scheduled for the next examination date.

**PRACTICAL** EXAMINATION: Once you have been approved by the Cosmetology Section to take the practical examination, you will be scheduled automatically for the next examination date. (You will not need to contact the Cosmetology Section's office to schedule as this is done automatically). The Cosmetology Section will issue an *Admission Notice* for the practical examination approximately 7-10 days prior to the test date. If you do not receive your admission notice on the Friday prior to the approved examination date, please call the Cosmetology Section for further instructions. Any questions regarding scheduling the practical exam should be directed to the Cosmetology Section. (Once approved, you will receive a letter from the Cosmetology Section with instructions on how to schedule for your written examination.)

#### Fees:

Practical Examination - Fees for testing will be paid directly to the Cosmetology Section. Written Examination - Fees for scheduling and testing will be paid directly to PSI.

Fees are as follows:

Cosmetology Practical: \$65.00 Cosmetology Practical:

Cosmetology Written: \$60

\*Written examination includes Arkansas State Law questions

\*\*Reciprocity Candidates - \$60 (Arkansas State Law questions ONLY)

# **Practical Examination Admission Requirements:**

You must present your *Admission Notice*, provided by the Cosmetology Section, along with one form of U.S. government issued identification with a photograph and your signature (i.e. driver's license, resident card, or passport) at the **practical examination** site in

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order to be admitted to the examination room. The identification must be current, clearly recognizable or you may not be admitted to test. It is your responsibility to be at the test center on time. Candidates will not be permitted into the examination room after your scheduled testing time. It is strongly suggested that you visit the site before the day of the examination so you are familiar with the route and the travel time. Candidates are not permitted to bring anyone into the examination room. Candidates are not permitted to talk to one another once inside the examination room.

#### Exam location for the practical examination:

101 East Capitol, Suite 106 Little Rock, AR 72201

#### **General Policies and Procedures for the Practical Examination:**

<u>Security Policies:</u> Suspected security breaches during the practical test administrations, such as an act of impersonation, creating a disturbance, giving or receiving unauthorized information or aiding other candidates, attempting to remove test information by any means, possessing prohibited materials or sharing supplies may be sufficient cause to dismiss you from the examination site or to invalidate or cancel your scores. Suspected breaches may be identified by observation or suspicion by the test center staff, or may be evidenced by subsequent statistical analysis of examination materials. The Cosmetology Section reserves the right to investigate each incident of misconduct. The Cosmetology Section will make all final decisions on examination score invalidations or cancellations. No visitors, guests or children are allowed in the test center.

<u>Copyrighted Exam Questions:</u> All test questions are the express copyrighted property of NIC. It is forbidden under federal copyright law to copy, reproduce, record, distribute or display these test questions by any means, in whole or in part. Doing so may subject you to severe civil and criminal penalties, including prison incarceration and/or fined up to \$250,000 for criminal violations.

<u>Prohibited Items:</u> No food, beverages, notebooks, magazines, backpacks, briefcases, hats, caps, reference books or electronic devices such as cameras, walkmans, radios, tape players, portable fax machines, cellular telephones, calculator watches, reproduction equipment, beepers or pagers are permitted in the examination room. If any of the aforementioned items are found in a candidate's possession, the Test Center Administrator will dismiss you immediately and provide a written report of the incident to the Cosmetology Section. Smoking or the use of tobacco is strictly prohibited in the examination room. The Cosmetology Section is not responsible for any personal items brought into the examination site.

Emergency Policy for the Practical Examination: In the event of inclement weather or similar emergency, a scheduled practical examination may be canceled or delayed. However, this decision is made only in rare instances and at the discretion of the Cosmetology Section. If a test center is open for testing, and you choose not to appear for your scheduled examination, your fee will be forfeited. You will have to reschedule your appointment and resubmit the appropriate application and fee to the Cosmetology Section. If you have reason to question whether or not a center will be closed due to an emergency, please call the Cosmetology Section to make inquiries regarding the practical examination.

<u>Refunds and Rescheduling Policies:</u> Rescheduling is **not** permitted for the practical examination. Unless you are hospitalized or are involved in a traffic accident on the way to the test center that prevents you from arriving on time, refunds are **not** issued nor are fees transferable for the practical examinations. Documentation of the above-noted exceptions is required.

<u>Score Information</u>: For the written examination, a score of 70 is required in order to pass. For the practical examination, a score of 75 is required in order to pass.

<u>Failing Candidates:</u> Failing candidates will receive a strength and weakness report, as well as information on how to retest. If you fail the practical examination, you will file a new application for practitioner examination form and the required fee to the Cosmetology Section to take the practical examination again.

<u>Confidentiality:</u> Test results are confidential and are not provided over the telephone. Do NOT call the Cosmetology Section's office for test results.

<u>Passing Candidates:</u> When you have passed both the written and the practical examinations, the Cosmetology Section will automatically send you your license. Please be sure to notify the Cosmetology Section of any mailing address changes. Please allow the Cosmetology Section two weeks to process and mail your license. It is not necessary to notify the Cosmetology Section that you have passed an examination; the Cosmetology Section is provided candidate scores on a daily basis.

<u>Mannequins:</u> The Cosmetology Section requires a mannequin for all services. The candidate must provide the necessary clamp to properly secure a mannequin head to a table during the examination.

#### **Dress Code:**

The dress code for the practical examination requires that all candidates wear any color/print scrub top and bottom scrubs and closed toe shoes. Candidates who fail to adhere to this dress code will not be admitted into the exam room.

#### Dismissal:

Upon dismissal for any reason, a new Examination application and appropriate fee will be required.

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# NATIONAL INSTRUCTOR PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

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Please visit <u>www.nictesting.org</u> for the most current bulletin prior to testing.

This bulletin contains important information regarding the NIC National Instructor Practical Examination content and administration. Please review all information carefully.

# IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- Do not leave the examination area without permission. Permission must be obtained to leave the examination area for any reason, including restroom usage or at the completion of the examination.
- All examinations are administered in a testing environment.
   Candidates should bring a container of water if needed for any section of the examination. Candidates may bring a thermos of hot water if desired. All water and their containers must be taken with the candidates and may not be disposed of at the testing facility.
- Candidates must prepare a lesson plan for the Theory Lecture and a lesson plan for the Demonstration Lecture. Candidates will receive the topic assignment with the admission letter. The Theory Lecture and Demonstration Lecture assignments will be on different subject areas and topics. Candidates must prepare and submit an originally developed lesson plan. (No preprinted plans allowed) Candidates must bring three copies of each lesson plan to the examination. Candidates retain one copy of each lesson plan.
- Candidates may be responsible for providing any additional items that are needed for the Theory Lecture and Demonstration Lecture. (i.e. marker board, easel, chalkboard, etc.) \*Please refer to State guidelines.
- Candidates will be given 10 minutes to set up for the Theory Lecture and 10 minutes to set up for the Demonstration Lecture.
- The verbal instructions will be read twice for each section of the examination
- Candidates must follow all appropriate public protection and infection control procedures during all phases of the practical examination that will ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the public. In the event of a blood spill, candidates will be expected to follow the NIC Health and Safety Standards. Failure to do so may result in your dismissal from the examination
- Cellular phones, pagers, any electronic device, are NOT permitted in the examination room. Talking to other candidates or any examiner is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply with any of these conditions will result in the candidate being dismissed immediately, and the actions reported to the proper authorities. The examiners have been instructed not to answer any questions concerning the examination. This ensures equal opportunity for all candidates and standardization in testing for the National Practical Examination. If you have an emergency situation please ask to speak with the supervisor.
- Manufacturer's labels are required on all disinfectants and sanitizers. An EPA registered disinfectant that demonstrates bactericidal, fungicidal and virucidal properties must be used. Simulated products are NOT allowed for disinfectants and hand sanitizers.

# INSTRUCTOR PRACTICAL EXAMINATION CONTENT SECTIONS

The scope of the National Instructor Practical Examination includes 4 core domain services. The core domain services are based on the national job analysis. The core domain services are as follows:

# **Core Domain Services**

Theory Lesson Plan Theory Lecture Demonstration Lesson Plan Demonstration

#### THEORY LESSON PLAN

#### **Verbal Instructions:**

"Please hand the examiner one copy of the theory lesson plan. You may retain one copy."

"You will have 10 minutes to set up your classroom for the theory lecture."

"Do not begin the theory lecture until verbal instructions have been read."

(1) "The instructions will be repeated."

(2) "You may begin set up."

# Lesson plan will be evaluated on the following tasks:

- Provides lesson plan originally developed by candidate
- Lists course title (e.g., Cosmetology, Nail Technology, Esthetics, Barbering, etc.)
- Lists assigned topic
- Lists time required specific to assignment (20 minutes)
- Lists lesson/learning objective specific to student learning and relevant to topic (e.g., "The student will be able to..." or "We will be able to...")
- Lists reason(s) why topic is important for students (e.g., client retention, safety, money, etc.)
- Lists reference(s) used by instructor to prepare for lesson
- Lists teaching/visual aid(s) relevant to assigned topic
- Provides safety procedure(s) relevant to topic in lesson plan
- Lists students' prior assignment (e.g., previously assigned chapters, handouts, etc.)
- Outlines sequence of lecture
- Provides summary of lesson
- Lists students' follow-up assignment (e.g., read a chapter, complete worksheets, etc.)
- Lists method(s) of assessment to evaluate students' retention of topic (e.g., test, quiz, written or verbal questions, etc.)

# THEORY LECTURE

(20 minutes)

#### **Verbal Instructions:**

- "You will perform the theory lecture section of this examination."
- "You will be expected to convey proper safety and infection control procedures."
- "You will have 20 minutes to complete this section."
- (1) "The instructions will be repeated."
- (2) "You may begin."

# Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

#### **Procedures and Content**

- States assigned topic
- Presents lesson/learning objective specific to student learning and relevant to topic (e.g., "The student will be able to..." or "We will be able to...")
- Presents reason(s) why topic is important for students (e.g., client retention, safety, money, etc.)
- Uses teaching aid(s) to focus students' attention
- Teaching aid(s) are visible to all students
- Explains safety and client protection procedure(s) listed in lesson plan
- Presents topic in the sequence outlined in lesson plan
- Asks question(s) relevant to topic to elicit student response
- Makes eye contact throughout room
- Speaks audibly throughout lecture
- Confines lecture to assigned topic
- Covers complete content of lesson plan
- Summarizes theory lecture (e.g., re-states key points, paraphrases lesson plan, etc.)
- Presents students' follow-up assignment (e.g., read a chapter, complete worksheets, etc.)
- Presents method(s) of assessment to evaluate students' retention of topic (e.g., test, quiz, written or verbal questions, etc.)
- Practices infection control procedures safely throughout
- Maintains work area in a safe manner throughout lecture
- Lectures for at least 15 minutes

#### Verbal Instructions after Instructor has concluded the Theory Lecture:

"Now that you have concluded your theory lecture you may put away all supplies that you are finished working with. Once completed I will read the instructions for the demonstration lecture set up."

# **DEMONSTRATION** LESSON PLAN

#### **Verbal Instructions:**

- "Please hand the examiner one copy of the demonstration lesson plan. You may retain one copy."
- "You will have 10 minutes to set up your classroom for the demonstration lecture."
- "Do not begin the demonstration lecture until verbal instructions have been read."
- (1) "The instructions will be repeated."
- (2) "You may begin set up."

# Lesson plan will be evaluated on the following tasks:

- Provides lesson plan originally developed by candidate
- Lists course title (e.g., Cosmetology, Nail Technology, Esthetics, Barbering, etc.)
- Lists assigned topic
- Lists time required specific to assignment (30 minutes)
- Lists lesson/learning objective specific to student learning and relevant to topic (e.g., "The student will be able to..."or "We will be able to...")
- Lists reason(s) why topic is important for student(s) (e.g., client retention, safety, money, etc.)
- Lists reference(s) used by instructor to prepare for lesson
- Lists supplies, implements, equipment, and/or teaching/visual aid(s) needed for lesson
- Provides safety procedure(s) relevant to topic in lesson plan
- Lists students' prior assignment (e.g., previously assigned chapters, handouts, etc.)
- Lists steps of procedure for topic in correct order
- Provides summary of lesson
- Lists students' follow-up assignment (e.g., read a chapter, complete worksheets, etc.)
- Lists method(s) of assessment to evaluate students' retention of topic (e.g., test, quiz, written or verbal questions, etc.)

# DEMONSTRATION

(30 minutes)

#### **Verbal Instructions:**

"You will perform the demonstration lecture section of this examination."

"You will be expected to convey proper safety and infection control procedures."

"You will have 30 minutes to complete this section."

(1) "The instructions will be repeated."

(2) "You may begin."

# Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

#### **Procedures and Content**

- · States assigned topic
- Presents lesson/learning objective specific to student learning and relevant to topic (e.g., "The student will be able to..." or "We will be able to...")
- Presents reason(s) why topic is important for students (e.g., client retention, safety, money, etc.)
- Identifies implements, supplies, equipment, and/or teaching/visual aid(s) needed to demonstrate assigned topic
- · Demonstration can be observed by all students
- Demonstrates and explains safety and client protection procedure(s) listed in lesson plan
- Simultaneously demonstrates and explains assigned topic
- Demonstrates steps of procedure for topic in correct order
- Asks question(s) relevant to topic to elicit student response
- Makes eye contact throughout room
- · Speaks audibly throughout demonstration
- Confines demonstration and explanation to assigned topic
- Covers complete content of lesson plan
- Summarizes demonstration (e.g., re-states key points, paraphrases lesson plan, etc.)
- Presents students' follow-up assignment (e.g., read a chapter, complete worksheets, etc.)
- Presents method(s) of assessment to evaluate students' retention of topic (e.g., test, quiz, written or verbal questions, etc.)
- Practices infection control procedures safely throughout demonstration
- Maintains work area in a safe manner throughout demonstration
- Demonstrate for at least 25 minutes

# CANDIDATE SUMMARY AND FINAL CLEANUP

#### **Verbal Instructions:**

"This concludes the national practical examination. Please make sure that all kit supplies and disposable materials are taken with you. Please do not dispose of waste materials, chemicals, or water in the trash receptacles or restrooms as they are unable to accommodate all waste materials from every candidate that takes the examination."

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NIC Health and Safety Standards NIC, Inc., October 2002 www.nictesting.org

# NIC HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS BLOOD SPILL PROCEDURE

If a blood spill should occur, the following steps MUST be followed:

- SUPPLY INJURED PARTY WITH LIQUID STYPTIC/ANTISEPTIC AND THE APPROPRIATE DRESSING TO COVER THE INJURY.
- DOUBLE BAG ALL BLOOD-SOILED (CONTAMINATED) ARTICLES AND LABEL WITH RED OR ORANGE BIOHAZARD WARNING. This is the responsibility of the candidate and should be executed as follows:

#### CANDIDATE INJURY - FOR EXAMINATION PURPOSES

- 1. **PROTECTION** If a cut is sustained, stop the service and clean the injured area.
- 2. APPLY antiseptic and/or liquid or spray styptic as appropriate (see NOTE).
- 3. **DRESSING** cover the injury with the appropriate dressing.
- 4. **COVER** injured area with finger guard or glove as appropriate.
- 5. *CLEAN* model/client and station as appropriate.
- 6. **DOUBLE BAG** and dispose of all contaminated objects. Clean hands with antimicrobial cleanser.
- 7. **RETURN** to service.

#### MODEL INJURY - FOR EXAMINATION PURPOSES

- 1. STOP service.
- 2. GLOVE hands of candidate/student/licensee.
- 3. CLEAN injured area as appropriate.
- 4. APPLY antiseptic and/or liquid or spray styptic as appropriate (see NOTE).
- 5. **COVER** the injury with the appropriate dressing to prevent further blood exposure.
- 6. DOUBLE BAG and dispose of all contaminated objects. Clean hands with antimicrobial cleanser.
- 7. **RETURN** to service.

#### **EXAMINERS:**

- EXAMINER IS TO USE UNUSED DISPOSABLE LATEX GLOVES OR NON-ALLERGENIC EQUIVALENT WHEN CHECKING THAT CANDIDATE'S SERVICE. DOUBLE BAG AND DISPOSE USED GLOVES.
- FOLLOW WITH ANTIMICROBIAL SCRUB ON HANDS.
- DOCUMENT INCIDENT IN BLOOD SPILL LOG.

NOTE: DO NOT ALLOW CONTAINERS, BRUSHES, NOZZLES OR LIQUID STYPTIC TO TOUCH THE SKIN OR CONTACT THE WOUND. USE AN APPLICATOR. EXAMINERS SHOULD ALSO COMPLETE AN INCIDENT REPORT.

# WET DISINFECTION STANDARD

All tools and implements, **EXCEPT THOSE THAT HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH BLOOD OR BODY FLUIDS**, must be disinfected, at minimum, by complete immersion in an EPA registered, *bactericidal*, *virucidal*, *fungicidal*, *and pseudomonacidal* (*Formulated for Hospitals*) disinfectant that is mixed and used according to the manufacturer's directions.

All tools and implements **WHICH HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH BLOOD OR BODY FLUIDS** must be disinfected, at minimum, by complete immersion in an EPA registered disinfectant that is effective *against HIV-1* and *human Hepatitis B Virus or a Tuberculocidal* that is mixed and used according to the manufacturer's directions.

# DRY STORAGE STANDARD

Disinfected implements must be stored in a disinfected, dry, covered container and be isolated from contaminants.

# HAND WASHING

(Anti-Bacterial Soap is recommended)

Thoroughly wash hands and the exposed portions of arms with antibacterial soap and water before providing services to **each client** and after smoking, drinking, eating, and using the restroom.

# **NAIL TECHNOLOGY**

#### **Practical Examinations**

Liquid Monomer containing Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) is prohibited for use during NIC practical examinations.

NIC strongly recommends, due to the testing environment, that odorless sculpture nail products be used during the NIC practical examinations.

Adopted as amended October 2002

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# NATIONAL INSTRUCTOR WRITTEN EXAMINATION

# CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN

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The National Instructor Examination is the national licensure examination for Instructors, which is developed and administered by the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC). This Information Bulletin includes the content outline covered by the NIC National Instructor examination, sample questions, and answers. The time allowed for the Instructor written examination is 90 minutes.

# INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING 45%

# **Understand the Curriculum Delivery Process**

- $\Diamond$ Understand course outline
- $\Diamond$ Understand syllabus
- Understand components of a lesson plan (e.g., subject matter, time allotment for subjects, student activities, etc.)
- $\Diamond$ Develop lesson plans
- Define instructional outcomes (e.g., course goals, instructional objectives)
- Measure performance using goals and objectives (e.g., theoretical, lab/clinic)
- Evaluate levels of performance (e.g., comprehension, application)
- Orientate new students

#### **Understand Student Learning Styles**

- Understand types of learners (e.g., kinesthetic, visual, audio)
- Apply types of learning styles (e.g., theoretical, lab/clinical application)

# Understand the Advantage and Purpose of Materials (e.g., technology, tools, and equipment)

- Select instructional materials (e.g., based on creating interest, increasing retention, lesson objectives, learning styles)
- Understand types of materials available
  - Printed (e.g., textbooks, handouts)
  - Audiovisual (e.g., flip charts, CDs, DVDs, transparencies)
  - Tools of the trade
  - Web-based technology (e.g., podcasts, Internet)
- Establish guidelines for effective use of materials in lessons

# **Understand Assessment Methods of Student Learning**

- $\Diamond$ Written
- $\Diamond$ Practical
- Oral

# INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS 35%

#### **Utilize Methods of Instruction**

- Lecture (e.g., formal, interactive, group process)
- $\Diamond$ Demonstration (e.g., role play, hands-on assignment)
- Discussion (e.g., question & answer, reflective, summarization, case/scenario
- Assignments (e.g., projects, homework, reports, resumes)
- Distance learning (e.g., Internet, webbased)

#### **Recognize Obstacles to Learning**

- Identify obstacles (e.g., ability level, behavior)
- Adapt instructional practices to accommodate obstacles to learning

# Apply Communication Skills (e.g., lesson delivery)

- Verbal skills
  - Language skills (e.g., pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary)
  - Voice control (e.g., modulation, projection, tone)
- Non-verbal skills (e.g., body mechanics, facial expression)
- Listening skills (e.g., active listening)

#### **Utilize Time Management Techniques**

# Assess Student Learning

- Δ Implement steps in assessment
- $\Diamond$ Evaluate assessment results
- Understand reliability and validity of assessment results (e.g., assessment consistent with instruction)

# CLASSROOM AND CLINIC MANAGEMENT 20%

# **Manage Learning Environment**

- Physical environment
  - Organize classroom/clinic to promote learning (e.g., seating arrangement, instructional space)
  - Understand effect of physical environment (e.g., temperature, lighting, sound)
- Understand Instructor responsibilities as related to
  - Professional conduct (e.g., image, ethics, leadership)
  - Academic advising and counseling (e.g., attendance, progress reports)
  - Administrative responsibilities (e.g., recordkeeping, inventory)

# Maintain a Safe Learning **Environment**

- Promote safety procedures
- Observe universal precautions  $\Diamond$
- Maintain classroom control (e.g., enforce rules and routines)

# SAMPLE QUESTIONS

The sample questions are similar to those on the NIC Instructor Written Examination. Each question is followed by four options for an answer. Only one option is correct. Correct answers are listed following the sample questions.

- A demonstration should be immediately followed by
  - a. student practice.
  - b. a change of subject.
  - c. a student rest period.
  - d. a complete lecture period.
- The most important part of the instructor's responsibility is to create and develop student
  - a. organizations.
  - b. course of study.
  - c. extracurricular programs.
  - d. willingness and desire to learn.
- 3. If instruction methods are to be properly employed, they must be
  - a. flexible.
  - b. impersonal.
  - c. strictly enforced.
  - d. followed without deviation.
- To be most effective, videos should be selected on the basis of
  - a. availability.
  - b. running time.
  - c. subject matter.
  - d. abilities of the students.
- A properly organized workbook should be coordinated with the
  - a. curriculum.
  - b. lesson plan.
  - c. text material.
  - d. course of study.
- 6. The discussion method is useful because it develops
  - a. spirited review lessons.
  - b. student interpersonal relations.
  - c. ideas and expressions from students.
  - d. manipulative techniques and skills of students.

- 7. An instruction sheet is important because it gives pertinent facts about
  - a. clinic patrons.
  - b. tools and materials.
  - c. rules and regulations.
  - d. student attendance rules.
- 8. In planning a lesson, careful consideration must be given to the
  - a. objectives of the lesson.
  - b. student to instructor relations.
  - c. extracurricular activities.
  - d. various student organizations.

Answers				
1. a	3. a	5. a	7. b	
1. a 2. d	4. c	6. c	8. a	

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# ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COSMETOLOGY SECTION WRITTEN EXAMINATION INFORMATION

# **EXAMINATIONS BY PSI SERVICES LLC**

The Arkansas Department of Health Cosmetology Section is responsible for licensing and regulating the profession of cosmetology in the State of Arkansas. The Board has contracted with PSI Services LLC (PSI) to deliver its examinations.

# SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Once approved by the Arkansas Department of Health Cosmetology Section, you are responsible for contacting PSI to schedule an appointment to take the examination. PSI will make every effort to schedule the examination site and time that is most convenient for you.

All questions and requests for information about the examination should be directed to:

PSI Services LLC 3210 E Tropicana Las Vegas, NV 89121 (800) 733-9267 ◆ Fax (702) 932-2666 www.psiexams.com

# INTERNET REGISTRATION

For the fastest and most convenient test scheduling process, PSI recommends that candidates register for their exams using the Internet. Candidates register online by accessing PSI's registration website at <a href="https://www.psiexams.com">www.psiexams.com</a>. Internet registration is available 24 hours a day. In order to register by Internet, complete the steps below:

- Log onto PSI's website, select the link associated with the Arkansas examinations. Complete the associated registration form online and submit your information to PSI via the Internet.
- Upon completion of the online registration form, you will be given the available exam dates and locations for scheduling your examination. Select your desired testing date and location.

#### **TELEPHONE REGISTRATION**

The second fastest method of scheduling is via the telephone with PSI's Interactive Voice Response system (IVR) during non-business hours, or through live registrars during business hours.

Call (800) 733-9267, 24 hours a day and register using the Automated Registration System. Otherwise, PSI registrars are available Monday through Friday. The times of operation for live operators are as follows:

	Monday thru Friday	Saturday
Eastern Time	8:00am - 8:00pm	9:00am - 5:30pm
Central Time	7:00am - 7:00pm	8:00am - 4:30pm
Pacific Time	5:00am - 5:00pm	6:00am - 2:30pm

#### CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

You may cancel and reschedule an examination appointment without forfeiting your fee if your cancellation notice is received 2 days before the scheduled examination date. You may call PSI at (800) 733-9267 or fax a note to (702) 932-2666. Please note that you may also use the automated system, using a touch-tone phone, 24 hours a day in order to cancel and reschedule your appointment.

Note: A voice mail message is not an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the internet, automated telephone system, or call PSI and speak to a Customer Service Representative.

# MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

Your registration will be invalid, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled, and you will forfeit your examination fee, if you:

- Do not cancel your appointment 2 days before the schedule examination date;
- Do not appear for your examination appointment;
- Arrive after examination start time;
- Do not present proper identification when you arrive for the examination.

# **EXAMINATION SITE CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY**

In the event that severe weather or another emergency

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forces the closure of an examination site on a scheduled examination date, your examination will be rescheduled. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your examination schedule by calling (800) 733-9267. Every effort will be made to reschedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible.

COMPUTER EXAMINATION CENTER LOCATIONS

The licensing examinations are administered at the following PSI examination center.

#### Bentonville

Summit Aviation 2500 SW Aviation Street Bentonville, AR 72712

I-540 to exit 85. Take ramp right for US-71 BR/ AR-12 toward Rogers/Airport/Bentonville. Turn left onto US-71 / AR-12/W Walnut St. (Conoco on the corner). Keep right to stay on US-71. Turn left onto SW Airport Rd, bearing right onto SW Aviation Drive.

# **Fayetteville**

Sky Venture Aviation Inc 4500 S School Ave Suite C Fayetteville, AR 72701

Take I 540 S to US 71S via exit ramp. Exit 61. Merge onto US 71S toward going toward School Ave. At stop light merge Right onto S. School Ave(also US71B). Approximately 1.8 miles to Drake Field Airport. Turn Left into entrance. SkyVenture Aviation entrance is first entrance with double sliding glass doors.

# Harrison

North Arkansas College 1515 Pioneer Dr Harrison, AR 72601

Take I-65 to exit AR-123 then take the 1st right onto Pioneer Drive. The college will be on the right.

#### Jonesboro

SkyVenture Aviation of Arkansas Inc. 3901 Lindbergh Drive Suite D Jonesboro, AR 72401 From the South:North on US 67, AR 14 to Jonesboro, Left on North US 40 and exit on Staduim Blvd. Go North on US 49, then right on Nettleton. Go left on Airport, then right on Lindgergh.

#### **North Little Rock**

Barrett Aviation, Inc. 8318 Remount Road

North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118

Take I40 East to North Little Rock. Take Levy Exit (#152). Go left under the overpass. Go Right at next lights. Go to 2nd light (Camp Robinson Road). Go Left on Camp Robinson Road. Go approx 3 mi and road will fork again onto Remount Road. Veer Right onto Remount. Go approx 1.5 mi to West entrance to NLR Airport. Turn Right into airport. Barrett Aviation is on the left at the end of drive.

Additionally, PSI has examination centers in many other regions across the United States. You may take the written examination at any of these locations by calling (800) 733-9267. You will need to speak with a Customer Service Rep to schedule outside of Arkansas.

# REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION CENTER

On the day of the examination, you should arrive at least 30 minutes before your appointment. This extra time is for identification and familiarizing yourself with the examination process. If you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the examination center and you will forfeit your registration fee

# **REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION**

Candidates need to provide two (2) forms of identification.

Candidates must register for the exam with their LEGAL first and last name as it appears on their government issued identification. All required identification below must match the first and last name under which the candidate is registered. Candidates are required to bring two (2) forms of valid (non-expired) signature bearing identification to the test site.

# PRIMARY IDENTIFCATION - Choose One

- State issued driver's license
- State issued identification card
- US Government Issued Passport
- US Government Issued Military Identification Card
- US Government Issues Alien Registration Card

#### SECONDARY IDENTIFICATION - Choose One

- Credit Card (must be signed)
- Social Security Card
- US issued Birth Certificate with Raised Seal

\*NOTE: Student ID and employment ID are <u>NOT</u> acceptable forms of identification.

Candidates must register with the full legal name as it appears on their government issued identification. The name on the identification must be the same as the name used to register for the examination. If the candidate fails to bring proper identification or the candidate names do not match, the candidates will not be allowed to test and their examination fee will not be refunded.

#### **SECURITY PROCEDURES**

The following items are **not** permitted in the examination room:

- All personal electronic devices except those that are a medical necessity.
- Children, guests, cellular telephones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), recording devices, cameras, pagers, purses, notebooks, notebook computers,



- reference or reading material, music players, radios, electronic games, calculators, or briefcases.
- Personal items including watches, backpacks, pens, pencils, or other writing devices, food, drinks (unless prior approval is obtained by your regulatory entity) and good-luck items.
- Hats, baseball caps, or visors (with the exception of religious apparel), coats, shawls, hooded clothing, heavy jackets or overcoats.

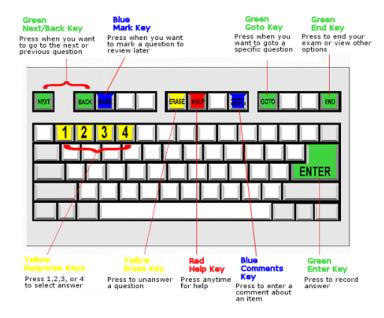
The following security procedures will apply during the examination:

- NO conversing or any other form of communication among candidates is permitted once you enter the examination area.
- No smoking, eating, or drinking will be allowed at the examination site.
- You may not exit the building during the examination.

# TAKING THE EXAMINATION BY COMPUTER

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Taking the PSI examination by computer is simple. You do not need any computer experience or typing skill. You will use fewer keys than you use on a touch-tone telephone. All response keys are colored and have prominent characters. An illustration of the special keyboard is shown as follows. You may also use the mouse.

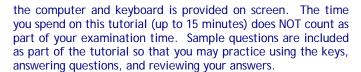


#### **IDENTIFICATION SCREEN**

You will be directed to a semiprivate testing station to take the examination. When you are seated at the testing station, you will be prompted to confirm your name, identification number, and the examination for which you are registered.

# TUTORIAL

Before you start your examination, an introductory tutorial to



One question appears on the screen at a time. During the examination, minutes remaining will be displayed at the top of the screen and updated as you record your answers.

# **EXAMINATION QUESTION EXAMPLE**

A sample question display follows. During the examination, you would press 1, 2, 3, or 4 to select your answer or press "MARK" to mark it for later review. You would then press ENTER to record your answer and move on to the next question. You can change your answer as often as you like before pressing ENTER.



IMPORTANT: After you have entered your responses, you will later be able to return to any question(s) and change your response, provided the examination time has not run out.

#### PRETEST ITEMS

In addition to the number of examination items specified in the "Examination Content Outlines", a small number (5 to 10) of "pretest" questions may be administered to candidates during the examinations. These questions will not be scored and the time taken to answer them will not count against examination time. The administration of such unscored, experimental questions is an essential step in developing future licensing examinations.

# **EXAMINATION REVIEW**

The Arkansas Department of Health Cosmetology Section is utilizing the NIC examinations. The NIC conducts ongoing analysis and review of their examinations to ensure the examinations accurately measure minimal competency in the required knowledge area.

# SCORE REPORTING

Your score will be given to you immediately following completion of the examination. This is an unofficial score report that will be printed at the examination site.



# NATIONAL COSMETOLOGY WRITTEN EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINE AND REFERENCE MATERIAL

The National Cosmetology examination is the national licensure examination for Cosmetology, which is developed and administered by the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC). This Candidate Information Bulletin includes the content outline covered by the NIC National Cosmetology examination, sample questions and answers. For more information on the examination content outlines and references go to www.arkansas.gov/cos.