



NAIL TECHNICIAN

Technical Diploma Program Code: 30-502-4 Total Credits: 10

Mid-State's Nail Technician program prepares students to shape fingernails and toenails, remove unwanted skin and blemishes, apply polish and cosmetics to nails, and function as licensed manicurists or nail technicians/specialists. You'll learn manicuring theory; skin anatomy; nail growth, irregularities, and diseases; sterilization and sanitation; equipment and table maintenance; cuticle, blemish, and rough skin removal; nail filing, shaping, and polishing; cream application and extremity massage; nail sculpture and design art; product storage and use; customer service; laws and regulations; and business practices. You'll receive instruction and practice your new skills in our completely remodeled teaching/learning space and salon, which includes a room dedicated to nail technician students and nail services, with brand new manicure tables and pedicure thrones as well as equipment for acrylic and gel nail services.

Estimated tuition and fees: mstc.edu/programcosts

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, call 715.422.5300. Academic advisors will travel to other campuses as necessary to accommodate student needs. For more information about advising, visit mstc.edu/advising.

CHECKLIST:

This section will be completed when meeting with your academic advisor.

- ☐ FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov)
- ☐ Financial Aid Form(s)
Form(s): _____
- ☐ Follow-Up Appointment:
Where: _____
When: _____
With: _____
- ☐ Official Transcripts
Mid-State Technical College
Student Services Assistant
1001 Centerpoint Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54481
- ☐ Other: _____



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Adams, WI 53910

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2600 West 5th Street
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STEVENS POINT CAMPUS
1001 Centerpoint Drive
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Start Your Career

- Nail Technician
- Manicurist
- Pedicurist

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BACHELOR'S DEGREE OPTIONS

For more information and additional opportunities, visit mstc.edu/transfer.

OTHER OPTIONS

RELATED PROGRAMS

- Barber Technologist
- Cosmetology

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Employers will expect you, as a Nail Technician graduate, to be able to:

- Apply safety and sanitation procedures.
- Adhere to the current Wisconsin administrative codes and statutes for cosmetology/manicurist licensing.
- Demonstrate interpersonal skills for success.
- Perform nail services.
- Develop strategies to market products and services.

TECHNICAL SKILLS ATTAINMENT

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) has implemented a requirement that all technical colleges measure program outcomes attained by students. This requirement is called Technical Skills Attainment (TSA). The main objective of TSA is to ensure graduates have the technical skills needed by employers. Students will complete a mock board exam in the Manicurist Capstone course to fulfill the TSA requirement.

This program meets the Wisconsin state nail technician requirement of 300 hours of training and is regulated by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services.

Students must purchase a kit comprised of required tools and supplies. The cost of the kit is approximately \$400.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Students must have good fine motor skills, especially finger dexterity, as well as good hand-eye coordination and 20/40 vision in best eye with 70 degrees to each side for peripheral vision, as determined by the Department of Transportation.

PROGRAM PROGRESSION

In order to progress in and successfully complete the program, students must repeat core courses (courses numbered 30-502-xxx and 31-502-xxx) not completed with a grade of “C” or better prior to progressing in core courses or other courses with co- or pre-requisites.

Please note that the ability to repeat courses is dependent upon availability of courses. Students may be required to apply for program re-entry in order to repeat courses.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Visit mstc.edu/studenthandbook to view Mid-State’s student handbook, which contains information about admissions, enrollment, appeals processes, services for people with disabilities, financial aid, graduation, privacy, Mid-State’s Student Code of Conduct, and technology.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

The GPS for Student Success course is required for all Mid-State program students. (Not counted in the total credit value for this program.) Some students are exempt from this requirement. Please see your program advisor for more information.

GPS for Student Success

10890102 1 credit
Integrate necessary skills for student success by developing an academic plan, identifying interpersonal attributes for success, adopting efficient and effective learning strategies, and utilizing Mid-State resources, policies, and processes. This course is recommended to be completed prior to obtaining 12 credits and is a graduation requirement unless you receive an exemption from your program advisor.

ADDITIONAL COURSES AS NEEDED

The following courses may be recommended or required if the student does not achieve minimum Accuplacer scores.

College Reading and Writing 1

10831104 3 credits
Provides learners with opportunities to develop and expand reading and writing skills to prepare for college-level academic work. Students will employ critical reading strategies to improve comprehension, analysis, and retention of texts. Students will apply the writing process to produce well-developed, coherent, and unified written work.

Pre-Algebra

10834109 3 credits
Provides an introduction to algebra. Includes operations on real numbers, solving linear equations, percent and proportion, and an introduction to polynomials and statistics. Prepares students for elementary algebra and subsequent algebra-related courses.
Prerequisite: Accuplacer Math score of 65, Accuplacer Algebra score of 30, ABE Math Prep V 76854785 and ABE Math Prep VI 76854786 with a grade of “S.” (Note: ABE Math Prep V and VI courses cannot be used to satisfy program completion requirements at Mid-State.)

SAMPLE FULL-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

Term		10 credits
31502337	Nail Technology	1
30502322	Manicurist Client Service	4
30502323	Manicurist Capstone	2
30502331	Advanced Nail Technology	2
30502332	Nail Salon Operations & Management	1
	Total credits	10

📌 This course has options available to receive credit for prior learning (CPL) or work experience. Visit the website at mstc.edu/cpl or contact your advisor for details.

Please Note:

- This curriculum sequence is only for student planning. Actual student schedules will vary depending on course availability.
- Program completion time may vary based on student scheduling and course availability. For details, go to mstc.edu/schedule.

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Advanced Nail Technology

30502331.....2 credits

This course will provide students with advanced nail techniques. Fundamentals will include: nail terminology, acrylics, nail enhancements, gel services, nail design, finger & toe waxing, product knowledge, and safety and sanitation procedures.

Corequisite: Nail Technology 31502337 or consent of instructor.

Manicurist Capstone

305023232 credits

Students prepare for the state board exam and for securing a job. Students complete a mock assessment of all state board practical and written concepts, including state law. Students also prepare for their job search and for working with the business side of the nail industry. Course includes student completion of the Barbicide® Certification and Barbicide® COVID-19 Certification.

Corequisite: Manicurist Client Service 30502322

Manicurist Client Service

30502322 4 credits

Perform spa nail services on guests including manicures, pedicures, nail enhancement services, finger and toe waxing, and specialty techniques. Apply critical client interaction and professionalism to all aspects of guest services. Improve time and accuracy of services throughout the course.

Includes refining techniques that will ensure entry-level preparedness for the Wisconsin licensure exam. Students complete this course in the on-campus salon.

Corequisite: Nail Salon Operations & Management 30502332.

Nail Salon Operations & Management

30502332 1 credit

This course includes business and management principles for nail technicians, laws and regulations, and career strategies. Emphasized are daily operations of a salon, client consultations and relations, infection control, proper business practices, and professional attitudes. Additionally, is a focus on industry trends, salon sales, and advertising techniques.

Corequisite: Advanced Nail Technology 30502331

Nail Technology

31502337.....1 credit

Students achieve skills in manicuring, pedicuring, and nail enhancement services, including polish application and massage techniques. Students study nail shape and safe and sanitary use of nail care products. Paraffin hand dips, advanced polish techniques, and various nail art application are practiced.

Prerequisite: Admission to Cosmetology program 315021 or Nail Technician program 305024