

Start Date & Application Deadlines

For specific Start Date(s) and Application Deadline(s) check the [Information Sheet](#) for upcoming delivery.

Fees

See [Information Sheet](#) for up to date information.

Financial Assistance:

This program is eligible for Students Loans. To apply for student loans online, please see:

<http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/>

Student loan applications must be received by the Student Services Branch at the Ministry of Advanced Education at least three weeks prior to the start date of the program to allow time for processing.

Graduation Requirements

Students must successfully complete the entire program to receive the certificate. Students are required to attend all scheduled classes, complete minimum clinic hours and examinations. If you do not meet the attendance requirements and grade requirements you will not qualify to receive the program certificate.



Professional Esthetics

8 Month Full-time Certificate Program

About Vancouver Island University

Vancouver Island University is a comprehensive post-secondary institution located on beautiful Vancouver Island in British Columbia. Our main campus is located in Nanaimo and we have regional campuses in Duncan and Powell River, and a campus centre in Parksville. More than 14,000 full-time and part-time students are enrolled in academic, applied, career/technical, vocational, trades and developmental programs leading to certificates, diplomas and degrees.

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Program Overview

Prepare to become qualified, competent, job-ready and in high demand with spa industry employers. In response to the increasing demand for professional estheticians on Vancouver Island and in North America, Vancouver Island University assembled an advisory group of industry professionals to develop a curriculum for an internationally, competitive spa services program.

Career Opportunities

Esthetics is a profession that is growing rapidly - not just in North America but worldwide - and qualified Estheticians are in high demand. Spas have reached over a billion dollars in annual sales in North America and continue to experience incredible growth.

Upon successful completion and graduation from the program, students will have entry-level skills to work as an esthetician in any of the following settings or capacities:

- Day spa, resorts, destination and cruise ship spas;
- Hair salons;
- Private business;
- Performing arts industry;
- Sales and promotion.

Program Goals

Participants in the program will:

- Develop an understanding of both theoretical and practical concepts.
- Develop skills through practical hands-on training.
- Apply the theory through hands-on training.
- Gain the formal training to work in the spa industry.

Program Format

The program is offered annually in Parksville. This 810 hour program is delivered on a full-time basis four days a week over an 8 month period.

Program Outline

Career Essentials (ESTH 001) 12.5 hours

An orientation to esthetics as a career. Topics include: self-care, effective communication, professional conduct and ethics, career building, and starting and operating a business.

The Science Of Skin Care I (ESTH 002) 22.5 hours

An introduction to the science of skin care, focusing on skin care ecology. Topics include: microbiology, infection control, first aid, anatomy and basic structure and function of body systems.

The Science Of Skin Care II (ESTH 003) 20 hours

A continuation of ESTH 002. Topics include: biochemical components of the body and skin, properties of cosmetic products, skin physiology, and orientation to electrical equipment.

Treatments And Services I (ESTH 004) 75 hours

An introduction to treatments. Topics include: manicures, pedicures, hair removal, and eyelash/eyebrow tinting.

Treatments And Services II (ESTH 005) 55 hours

A continuation of ESTH 004, focusing on facials and back treatments. Also includes discussion of client contact before and after services are performed, client education, and follow-up care.

Makeup (ESTH 006) 25 hours

An introduction to makeup services. Topics include: colour, makeup design, products, makeup procedures and techniques, and safety precautions.

Advanced Treatments And Massage (ESTH 007) 85 hours

An introduction to advanced face and body treatments, massage techniques, advanced therapies, and spa treatments. Topics include: understanding different treatments, contraindications, and techniques used.

Practical Clinic (ESTH 008) 500 hours

Skill practice in a supervised clinic setting. Also includes guest presenters, site visits, demonstrations, and other practical learning opportunities.

Assessment (ESTH 009) 15 hours

Students complete a comprehensive final theory exam and practical exams.

Admission Requirements

- Grade 12, or equivalent, or mature student status.
- Minimum of 17 years of age.
- Successful completion of a Personal Profile.
- Students may be interviewed by program staff and industry.

Recommendations for Admission:

- Good hand-eye coordination;
- Physically fit and able to stand all day.

In cases where there are more applicants than seats available, priority will be given to early applicants.

How To Apply

Complete the Vancouver Island University [Application for Admission](#) form and include original transcripts. A one-time [application fee](#) will apply for first time applicants of Vancouver Island University.

Once your application has been received, the Admissions Office will send you a letter with the details on completing and submitting a Personal Profile.

Once accepted, participants will receive a letter from the Admissions Office outlining fee payment procedures.