

Salonology: A Matter of Life or Death

Course Curriculum

Course Description

This engaging continuing education course explores the critical role of infection prevention and control in the beauty industry. Participants will gain practical knowledge of sanitation, disinfection, sterilization, blood exposure procedures, state board regulations, and best practices that protect clients, coworkers, and themselves. This course reinforces that infection control is more than a requirement—it is a professional responsibility and a commitment to public safety.

Course Objectives

- Understand how infectious diseases spread in salon environments.
- Distinguish between cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and sterilizing.
- Identify common pathogens that impact salon safety.
- Apply proper infection control procedures during daily services.
- Demonstrate appropriate blood exposure procedures.
- Recognize common state board violations and how to avoid them.
- Promote a culture of safety and professionalism.

Course Topics

The Importance of Infection Control

- Why infection prevention is a matter of life and death
- The salon professional's responsibility
- Protecting yourself, your clients, and your community

Understanding Harmful Microorganisms

- Bacteria
- Viruses
- Fungi
- Parasites
- How infections spread

Infection Prevention Essentials

- Cleaning
- Sanitizing
- Disinfecting
- Sterilization
- Proper use of EPA-registered disinfectants

Blood Exposure Procedures

- Blood spill protocol
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Exposure incident response

State Board Compliance

- Common inspection violations
- Daily salon safety practices
- Maintaining a sanitary work environment

Real-World Applications

- Case studies
- Best practices
- Knowledge review
- Questions and discussion

Upon Completion, Participants Will Be Able To:

- Explain the principles of infection prevention and control.
- Reduce the risk of cross-contamination in the salon.
- Demonstrate proper cleaning, disinfecting, and sterilization procedures.
- Respond appropriately to blood exposure incidents.
- Implement best practices that promote a safe, compliant salon environment.

Target Audience

Licensed cosmetologists, barbers, nail technicians, estheticians, instructors, students, and other beauty professionals.

Certificate of Completion

Participants who meet attendance and course requirements will receive a Certificate of Completion.