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Having a career in cosmetology allows you to use your creativity to best suit the client. To earn a cosmetology license you must complete a cosmetology program. Some programs are nine months or a two year program and receive an associates degree. After the program is completed, you must pass the state licensing exam. You must pass the written and styling exam. After you have your license, you must renew it by paying a fee. Cosmetologists stand all day while cutting, coloring, and styling hair. This can be very tiring and causes feet, back, and legs to hurt. Cosmetologists typically work long hours with small breaks. They are exposed to chemicals and shampoos can irritate the skin and lungs over time. The fumes can irritate the eyes and lungs. This could be a health concern after a period of time. Typical cosmetologists earns up to twenty dollars an hour plus their tips. This career earns less than the average high school graduate. Cosmetologists can move on to higher pay by opening their own salon because they have to pay to rent a booth in any other salon. Cosmetologists are expected to increase which means there will be more competition for higher paying salons. Being polite to clients is a big factor in maintaining a client for a long period of time. To keep clients you must do your best to accommodate their needs and wants. Cosmetologists must be careful with timing when a product is on a clients hair because if left too long it could damage the hair. This could result in a lost client.

"In addition, constant use of shampoos, hair dyes, and permanent wave and straightening solutions causes skin irritation in those prone to allergies. The fumes from some chemicals in cosmetology products also can irritate the eyes and lungs."

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The arthur explains the disadvantages on being a cosmetologist. To be a cosmetologist you must stand for long periods of time and use your hands all day long. I think the article is important because it explains how straining the job is and most people don't think about that part.