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Cosmetology

Career Narrative

I’ve always been interested in fashion and hair and wanted to pursue a career in hairstyling. As a result I’m enrolled in the Cosmetology Program at Eastland Career Center. My goal is to be a hairstylist in an upscale, full-service salon.

I know I’ve chosen the right career for me because I’m excited to come to school. Though we learn many skills in lab, I enjoy doing hair color. I’m fascinated with the color wheel and how colors can be created so precisely. Additionally, I like the effect techniques like weaving, chunking, and spiraling can create. Umbrage is a technique that is popular right now, and I take pride in knowing how to create this stylish effect. Even though I enjoy hair color, I’m much better at styling the hair for the finished look. Cosmetology has taught me the value of using finishing products such as gels and mousses. These are truly the foundation of the finished style. The hair dryer is another basic tool I’m learning the value of. If I use finishing products along with a round brush and hair dryer, I can get the same finished look as using a curling iron or a hot iron. This is important because I would use less time finishing a client and time is money in the salon.

An unforeseen benefit of being a cosmetology student at Eastland Career Center is being a member of SkillsUSA. This organization has taught me self-confidence and the importance of being a team player. The cosmetology class performs a community service by holding a toy drive at the holidays. Since I am the class treasurer, it’s my responsibility to keep track of the donations, and it has taught me the value of keeping accurate records and reporting back to my classmates.

I take pride in the fact that my skills and talent will allow clients to feel good about themselves. More importantly, I am well-rounded and confident that I will achieve my goal of working in a full-service salon.