

Continuing Education Guidance for Individuals with Multiple Licenses: Nail Technologist, Esthetician, Cosmetologist, Electrologist, Instructor (updated 12.2022)

The biennial continuing education compliance period shall begin on April 1 of one year and end on March 31 two years later.

BEFORE signing up for online or in person continuing education coursework review [645 IAC 64](#) to ensure any certificate you earn clearly shows an authorized provider or sponsor and that the program meets the requirements as outlined in rule.
<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/chapter/645.64.pdf>

Scenario 1 - Cosmetology License Continuing Education Requirements (No Instructor's License)

- (a) First renewal period after becoming licensed = No continuing education requirements.
- (b) One active cosmetology related license: 6 hours of continuing education. Includes at least 4 hours specific to the license discipline and at least 2 hours specific to Iowa cosmetology rules and laws and infection control.
- (c) Two active cosmetology related licenses: 10 hours of continuing education. Includes at least 4 hours specific to each license discipline and at least 2 hours specific to Iowa cosmetology rules and laws and infection control.
- (d) Three active cosmetology related licenses: 14 hours of continuing education. Includes at least 4 hours specific to each license discipline and at least 2 hours specific to Iowa cosmetology rules and laws and infection control.

Scenario 2- Cosmetology License Continuing Education Requirements (With Instructor's License) In addition to the requirements outlined above based on the number of active licenses held, instructors wishing to renew the instructor's license must also take 6 hours in teaching methodology.

4 hours specific to each licensed discipline (ALL License Holders)

+ 2 hours specific to Iowa cosmetology rules and laws & infection control (ALL License Holders)

+ 6 hours of teaching methodology (Instructors Only)

- (a) An instructor with one active cosmetology related license will need 6 hours of continuing education plus 6 hours of teaching methodology for a total of 12 hours.
- (b) An instructor with two active cosmetology related licenses will need 10 hours of continuing education plus 6 hours of teaching methodology for a total of 16 hours.

Cosmetology Certifications do NOT require Continuing Education Licensees performing chemical peels or microdermabrasion, using a certified laser product or Intense Pulsed Light (IPL) for hair removal must be certified by the board to perform those services for that specified material or apparatus. Certifications will remain attached to your practice license indefinitely. Review *645—60.4(157) Practice-specific training requirements*.

Reactivation – In the event your license becomes inactive, submission of the reactivation application, required continuing education and payment of the reactivation fee is required to reactivate your license. Review 645 IAC 60.17 to determine the amount of continuing education required. Less than 5 years inactive = normal requirements, 6 hours minimum per license. More than 5 years inactive = double requirements, 12 hours minimum per license.