Overview of requirements for Cosmetologists

Generally, states require training and/or apprenticeship for licensure, along with an exam. Key variations in the data include length of time for these program, and availability of an apprenticeship alternative.

A word of caution: the line between apprenticeships and training can be murky at times. Requirements are recorded as apprenticeships only when the word “apprenticeship” is explicitly used. Research assistants were instructed to capture detail on requirements where it might be helpful in comments. “Conditions” columns signify when supervision or content requirements exist.

This occupation is closely tied to other occupations with data forthcoming: estheticians, manicurists, shampooers, and barbers. Collecting data on crossover requirements was outside the scope of this project but is a possible avenue for future expansion of these datasets.