

Before paying for your examination registration, be sure you understand the contents of this bulletin. Please retain and use it as a reference when contacting PSI.



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**MICHIGAN NATURAL HAIR CULTURIST EXAMINATION
 CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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Please refer to our website to check for the most updated information at www.psiexams.com.

EXAMINATIONS BY PSI LICENSURE: CERTIFICATION

This Candidate Information Bulletin provides you with information about the examination and application process for a Natural Hair Culturist licensee in the State of Michigan.

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (referred to as the Department) has contracted with PSI licensure:certification (PSI) to conduct the examination program. PSI works closely with the Department to make certain that these examinations meet the State's as well as nationally established technical and professional standards for examination development and administration. PSI provides these examinations through a network of computer and practical examination centers in Michigan.

VERY IMPORTANT

PRIOR TO TESTING

Before applying to PSI to take your licensing examination(s) you must first access the State of Michigan's MyLicense website located at www.michigan.gov/miplus, and apply for licensure. Only the State of Michigan may determine your eligibility for a license.

EXAMINATION REGISTRATION PAYMENT AND SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Upon approval of eligibility by the Department, you may proceed with the Examination Registration and Scheduling process.

The Examination Registration Form is found at the end of this Candidate Information Bulletin. You must pay for the examination at the time you register. Be sure the registration form is complete, accurate, signed, and that you include the correct fee.

Your examination fee will be forfeited if you do not test within 1 year of the date your examination fee is received by PSI.

EXAMINATION FEES

Examination	Fee
Natural Hair Culturist Theory and Practical	\$167
Natural Hair Culturist Practical Portion only	\$93
Natural Hair Culturist Theory Portion only	\$93

NOTE: REGISTRATION FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE.

If this is a first time registration, you must mail or fax these documents to PSI and allow 2 weeks for processing your initial application.

SCHEDULING AN APPOINTMENT TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION

Once you have received your eligibility notice, you are responsible for contacting PSI to schedule an appointment to take the examination. PSI will make every effort to schedule the examination site and time that is most convenient for you. You may schedule for an examination via the Internet 24 hours a day at www.psiexams.com. You may schedule with a live PSI Registrar Monday through Friday between 7:30 am and 10:00 pm, or Saturday-Sunday between 9:00 am and 5:30 pm, Eastern Time. If space is available in the examination site of your choice, you may schedule an examination 1 day prior to the examination date of your choice, up to 7:00 p.m. ET. Please be prepared to offer alternate examination appointment choices.

CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

You may cancel and reschedule an examination appointment without forfeiting your fee *if your cancellation notice is received 2 days prior to the scheduled examination date*. For example, for a Monday appointment, the cancellation notice would need to be received on the previous Saturday. You may use the PSI Website or call PSI at (855) 579-4635.

Note: A voice mail message is NOT an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the PSI Website or call PSI to speak directly to a Customer Service Representative.

MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

If you miss your appointment, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled, further you will forfeit your examination fee, if:

- You do not cancel your appointment 2 days before the scheduled examination date;
- You do not appear for your examination appointment;
- You arrive after examination start time;
- You do not present proper identification when you arrive for the examination.

SCHEDULING A RE-TAKE EXAMINATION

To schedule a retake:

■ ON-LINE REGISTRATION (www.psiexams.com)

Upon completing the on-line registration, send it to us via the Internet. You will be given available dates for scheduling your re-examination. Examination fee must be paid by a valid credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover).

■ MAIL (PSI, 3210 E Tropicana, Las Vegas, NV 89121)

Send the completed registration form to the above address. Allow 2 weeks for processing before scheduling the examination date. Examination fee must be paid by a credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover), money order, cashier's check, or company check. Make check payable to PSI and write the applicant's social security number on it. Cash and personal checks are not accepted.



■ **FAX (702-932-2666)**

Fax completed registration form to PSI. Allow 4 business days for processing before contacting PSI to schedule the examination. Examination fee must be paid by a valid credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover).

■ **PHONE ((855) 579-4635)**

Contact a PSI registrar by telephone. You will be given available dates for scheduling your re-examination. Examination fee must be paid by a valid credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover).

EXAM ACCOMMODATIONS (ADA)

All examination centers are equipped to provide access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and exam accommodations will be made in meeting a candidate's needs. Candidates with disabilities requesting exam accommodations must follow the instructions on the exam accommodation request form found at www.psiexams.com. Select Michigan, and the license type, and the form will be found under "Information Links" or click here [Michigan Exam Accommodations](#).

ALTERNATIVE TEST DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS

FOR THEORY EXAMINATIONS ONLY. The following options are available to candidates seeking assistance taking the Cosmetology and related occupations theory examinations (excluding Instructors.)

First time test takers may take the examination without assistance, however, the following options are also available.

Additional Time While Taking the Examination

Candidates may request to take the examination with extra time. The candidate will be given time & 1/2 and there will be an additional fee of \$50 per examination.

Word-to-Word Translation Dictionary

Candidates may request to use a Word-to-Word dictionary at no cost. PSI provides Arabic, Hebrew, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese at the test sites. The dictionary cannot contain pictures or definitions. If approved, the State will forward the dictionary directly to the testing site. If time and 1/2 is requested there will be an additional fee of \$50 per examination.

Request for a Reader

Candidates may request to have the examination read to them in English for an additional fee of \$50 per examination. PSI will provide the reader.

Reader along with Additional Time

Candidates may request to have the examination read to them in English with extra time & 1/2 for an additional fee of \$50 per examination.

Candidates applying for alternative test delivery arrangements must fill out the Exam Accommodations Request Form found at www.psiexams.com. Select Michigan, and the license type, and the form will be found under "Information Links" or click here [Exam Accommodations Request Form](#). Any costs associated with alternative test delivery arrangements must be paid by the candidate.

EXAMINATION SITE CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY

In the event that severe weather or another emergency forces the closure of an examination site on a scheduled examination date, your examination will be rescheduled. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your examination schedule by calling (855) 579-4635. Every effort will be made to reschedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You will not be penalized. You will be rescheduled at no additional charge.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER CONFIDENTIALITY

PSI will use your social security number only as an identification number in maintaining your records and reporting your examination results to the state. A Federal law requires state agencies to collect and record the social security numbers of all licensees of the professions licensed by the state.

DUPLICATE RESULT REPORTS

You may request a duplicate score report after your examination by emailing scorereport@psionline.com or by calling (855) 579-4635.

EXAMINATION REVIEW

PSI, in cooperation with the Department and Michigan Board of Cosmetology, will be continually evaluating the examinations being administered to ensure that the examinations accurately measure competency in the required knowledge areas. Comments may be entered during the examination by clicking the Comments link on the function bar of the test question screen.

Your comments regarding the questions and the examinations are welcomed. Comments will be analyzed by PSI examination development staff. While PSI does not respond to individuals regarding these comments, all substantive comments are reviewed. If a discrepancy is found during the comment review, PSI and the Department may re-evaluate candidates' results and adjust them accordingly. **This is the only review of the Theory examination available to candidates. There is NO review process for the Practical portion of the exam.**



EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS FOR PRACTICAL PORTION

The **Natural Hair Culturist Practical** portion is administered at the examination centers listed below:

Southfield-Practical Examination Center

Crossroads Building
16250 Northland Drive, Suite 361
Southfield, MI 48075

*From I-75 North and South, exit West 8 Mile Rd. Cross the Lodge Fwy (Hwy 10). Turn right on Northland Drive. Northland Drive is next to the Northland Shopping Center.
From Southfield Fwy North and South, exit East 8 Mile Rd. Go east on 8 Mile Rd to Northland Drive. Northland Drive is next to the Northland Shopping Center.*

Grand Rapids Examination Center

4595 Broadmoor Ave SE, Suite 145
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

From I-96, exit East Beltline Avenue and proceed South approximately 4 miles. Once you pass 28th Street, Beltline becomes Broadmoor. Continue South an additional 2 miles. 4595 Broadmoor is just South of 44th Street on the right. The office is in the Davenport University Building. Use the North Entrance and go to Room 145 on the first floor.

From US-131, take exit 77 (M6 the new highway) East toward Lansing. Take exit 15 (M37/Broadmoor), head North (left) on Broadmoor. 4595 Broadmoor is just North of Barden street, South of 44th Street on the left. The office is in the Davenport University Building. Use the North Entrance and go to Room 145 on the first floor.

Marquette Examination Center

RockCliff Professional Building
710 Chippewa Square, Ste 110
Marquette, MI 49855

From Highway 41W, turn left onto Grove St. Then turn left onto Anderson St, and turn right onto Chippewa Square.

*From I-75 North and South, exit West 8 Mile. Northland Drive is West of Greenfield Road. Do not go over the Bridge. Pass the Lodge Fwy (Hwy 10). Turn right on Northland Drive.
From Southfield Fwy North and South, exit East 8 Mile. Go east on 8 Mile to Northland Drive. Northland Drive is next to the Northland Shopping Center.*

Southfield-Lahser Road Examination Center

26400 Lahser Road, Suite 150
Southfield, Michigan 48033

From I-96 E merge onto I-696 E. Then merge onto MI-10 S. Take the Lahser Road exit. Keep left at the fork in the ramp. Turn left onto Northwestern Hwy. Turn right onto Lahser Road. You may access the building from the back using the NW door.

Grand Rapids Examination Center

4595 Broadmoor Ave SE, Suite 201
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

From I-96, exit East Beltline Avenue and proceed South approximately 4 miles. Once you pass 28th Street, Beltline becomes Broadmoor. Continue South an additional 2 miles. 4595 Broadmoor is just South of 44th Street on the right. The office is in the Davenport University Building. Use the North Entrance. Room 201 is at the top of the stairs.

From US-131, take exit 77 (M6 the new highway) East toward Lansing. Take exit 15 (M37/Broadmoor), head North (left) on Broadmoor. 4595 Broadmoor is just North of Barden street, South of 44th Street on the left. The office is in the Davenport University Building. Use the North Entrance to the second floor. Room 201 is at the top of the stairs.

Gaylord Examination Center

440 W. Main St., Suite D
Gaylord, MI 49735

From I-75 take exit # 282 / M-32 toward Alpena / Gaylord. From the exit ramp, turn east onto W Main (M-32) and go about half a mile. 440 W Main is at the northeast corner of Main and Indiana, halfway between KFC and Subway. Suite D opens off the parking lot.

Marquette Examination Center

Mid Towne Office Complex
1229 W. Washington
Marquette, MI 49855

Complex is across the street from Shopko. Enter the building on the left, and go up the stairs. Go left at the top of the stairs; suite is at the end of the hall on the right.

Additionally, PSI has examination centers in many other regions across the United States. You may take this examination at any of these locations. Once you have paid for the examination, enter your zip code and a list of the testing sites closest to you will appear.

EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS FOR NATURAL HAIR CULTURIST THEORY

The **Natural Hair Culturist Theory** portion is administered at the examination centers listed below:

Dearborn Examination Center

3200 Greenfield Road, Suite 253
Dearborn, MI 48120

From Detroit: Merge onto I-94 W. Take exit 209 (Rotunda Dr.) Turn left onto Rotunda Dr. Turn left on Commerce Dr S. Turn right onto Greenfield Rd. Site is on the right.

Holt-Lansing Examination Center

4202 Charlar Drive, Suite 1
Holt, Michigan 48842

Follow I-496 E, which becomes US-127 S. Take the Holt Rd exit 70. Turn right onto Holt Rd. Turn left onto Cedar St. Turn right onto Charlar Dr.

Southfield-Crossroads Examination Center

Crossroads Building
16250 Northland Drive, Suite 361
Southfield, MI 48075

REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION SITE

On the day of the examination, you should arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. This allows time for sign-in and identification verification and provides time for you to familiarize yourself with the examination process. *If you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the examination site and you will forfeit your examination registration fee.*

Your photograph will be taken upon arrival at the testing center.



REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT EXAMINATION SITE

You must provide 1 form of identification. This must be a VALID form of government issued identification, which bears your signature and has your photograph. The name on the identification below must exactly match the first and last name under which the candidate is registered.

Examples of acceptable identification:

- ~~Choose One State~~-issued driver's license
- ~~State~~-issued identification card
- US ~~Government Issued~~-Passport
- US ~~Government Issued~~-Military Identification Card
- US ~~Government Issued~~-Alien Registration Card
- US Employment Authorization Card

If you cannot provide the required identification, you must call (855) 579-4635 at least 3 weeks prior to your scheduled appointment to arrange a way to meet this security requirement. *Failure to provide all of the required identification at the time of the examination without notifying PSI is considered a missed appointment, and you will not be able to take the examination.*

SECURITY PROCEDURES

The following security procedures will apply during the examination:

- All personal belongings of candidates should be placed in the secure storage provided at each site prior to entering the examination room. Personal belongings **include, but are not limited to**, the following items:
 - **Electronic devices of any type, including cellular / mobile phones, recording devices, electronic watches, cameras, pagers, laptop computers, tablet computers (e.g., iPads), music players (e.g., iPods), smart watches, radios, or electronic games.**
 - **Bulky or loose clothing or coats** that could be used to conceal recording devices or notes. For security purposes outerwear such as, but not limited to: open sweaters, cardigans, shawls, scarves, hoodies, vests, jackets and coats are not permitted in the testing room. **In the event you are asked to remove the outerwear, appropriate attire, such as a shirt or blouse should be worn underneath.**
 - **Hats or headgear not worn for religious reasons** or as religious apparel, including hats, baseball caps, or visors.
 - **Other personal items**, including purses, notebooks, reference or reading material, briefcases, backpacks, wallets, pens, pencils, other writing devices, food, drinks, and good luck items.
- Although secure storage for personal items is provided at the examination site for your convenience, PSI is not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft of any personal belongings or prohibited items brought to, stored at, or left behind at the examination site. PSI assumes no duty of care with respect to such items and makes no representation that the secure storage provided will be effective in protecting such items. If you leave any items at the examination site after your examination and do not claim them within 30 days, they will be disposed of or donated, at PSI's sole discretion.
- Person(s) accompanying an examination candidate may not wait in the examination center, inside the building or on the building's property. This applies to guests of any

nature, including drivers, children, friends, family, colleagues or instructors.

- No smoking, eating, or drinking is allowed in the examination center.
- During the check in process, all candidates will be asked if they possess any prohibited items. Candidates may also be asked to empty their pockets and turn them out for the proctor to ensure they are empty. The proctor may also ask candidates to lift up the ends of their sleeves and the bottoms of their pant legs to ensure that notes or recording devices are not being hidden there.
- Proctors will also carefully inspect eyeglass frames, tie tacks, or any other apparel that could be used to harbor a recording device. Proctors will ask to inspect any such items in candidates' pockets.
- If prohibited items are found during check-in, candidates shall put them in the provided secure storage or return these items to their vehicle. PSI will not be responsible for the security of any personal belongings or prohibited items.
- Any candidate possessing prohibited items in the examination room shall immediately have his or her test results invalidated, and PSI shall notify the examination sponsor of the occurrence.
- Any candidate seen giving or receiving assistance on an examination, found with unauthorized materials, or who violates any security regulations will be asked to surrender all examination materials and to leave the examination center. All such instances will be reported to the examination sponsor.
- Copying or communicating examination content is violation of a candidate's contract with PSI, and federal and state law. Either may result in the disqualification of examination results and may lead to legal action.
- Once candidates have been seated and the examination begins, they may leave the examination room only to use the restroom, and only after obtaining permission from the proctor. Candidate will not receive extra time to complete the examination.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL CANDIDATES

Due to many complaints from the buildings' tenants, PSI (and the properties which house the PSI test centers) cannot accommodate any individuals other than the person who is being tested and their model (when applicable).

PSI understands that test candidates are often comforted by having guests accompany them to their exams. It may also be necessary for a guest to drive the candidate to the test center. However, incidents from previous guests have prompted warnings from Property Management. For this reason, PSI has adopted the following policy concerning guests.

"Person(s) accompanying a test candidate may not wait in the test center, inside the building or on the building's property. This applies to guests of any nature, including drivers, children, friends, family, colleagues or instructors."

There are facilities nearby such as shopping malls, stores or restaurants where guests may go while the candidate takes a test. Please take the time to visit those locations instead of waiting in or around the building.

Also of note, many candidates have been arriving hours before their scheduled exam time. This is not necessary. Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before the start-time of your exam. This will provide plenty of time for check-in.



TAKING THE THEORY PORTION BY COMPUTER

The examination will be administered via computer. You will be using a mouse and computer keyboard.

IDENTIFICATION SCREEN

You will be directed to a semiprivate testing station to take the examination. When you are seated at the testing station, you will be prompted to confirm your name, identification number, and the examination for which you are registered.

TUTORIAL

Before you start your examination, an introductory tutorial is provided on the computer screen. The time you spend on this tutorial, up to 15 minutes, DOES NOT count as part of your examination time. Sample questions are included following the tutorial so that you may practice answering questions, and reviewing your answers.

TEST QUESTION SCREEN

The “function bar” at the top of the test question screen provides mouse-click access to the features available while taking the examination.



One question appears on the screen at a time. During the examination, minutes remaining will be displayed at the top of the screen and updated as you record your answers.

IMPORTANT: After you have entered your responses, you will later be able to return to any question(s) and change your response, provided the examination time has not run out or you have not ended your examination.

EXPERIMENTAL QUESTIONS

In addition to the number of examination items specified, a small number of five to ten “experimental” questions may be administered to candidates during the examinations. **These questions will not be scored and the time taken to answer them will not count against examination time.** The administration of such non-scored experimental questions is an essential step in developing future licensing examinations.

NATURAL HAIR CULTURIST THEORY PORTION

CONTENT OUTLINE

The outline lists the topics that are on the examination and the number of questions for each topic. Do not schedule your examination until you are familiar with the topics on the outline.

The examination consists of 50 multiple-choice questions and you will have 75 minutes. This examination is closed book.

Sanitation, Disinfection and Safety (48%)
1. Safe working conditions and practices
a. Protective coverings (drapes, towels, neck strips, gloves, eye pads)
b. Signs of adverse reactions to products (patch test)
c. Chemical labeling and storage
d. Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)
e. Prohibited materials
2. Sanitation and Disinfection
a. Cleansers and disinfectants
b. Sanitation and disinfection of tools and implements (procedures, storage, single/multi use, ultraviolet)
c. Salon Sanitation Maintenance (state laws and rules)
d. Clean and sanitize hands
3. Infectious diseases and pathogens
4. Standard Precautions for exposures and incidents
a. Procedures
b. Blood-exposure disinfection and disposal
5. Hair and Scalp anatomy and physiology
Hairstyling (10%)
1. Purpose and Effects
2. Shaping
3. Tools and implements
Braids and Braid Extensions (16%)
1. Suitability factors of scalp and hair conditions (hair texture, density, elasticity, chemically treated)
2. Preparation and application of hair extensions (sew in, braid in, sectioning, products)
3. Hair extension removal
4. Types of braids (visible, invisible, free hanging, corn rows, box)
5. Braid removal
Twists and Twist Extensions (16%)
1. Suitability Factors of Scalp and Hair Conditions (hair texture, density, elasticity, chemically treated)
2. Preparation and Application of Hair Twist Extensions
3. Hair Extension Removal
4. Types of Twists (flat, locks, coils, nubian coil, large)
5. Twist removal
Licensing (10%)

1. Meeting licensure requirements
2. License renewal
3. Displaying the license
4. Change of address and name
5. Board responsibilities and disciplinary actions/fines
6. Salon owner and manager responsibilities

NATURAL HAIR CULTURIST PRACTICAL PORTION

For practical examination questions or concerns, please email cosmetology@psionline.com.

Read the following instructions carefully so that you will be properly prepared for the examination.

SUGGESTED REFERENCE LIST

Except for the Michigan Laws and Rules, neither the Department nor PSI endorses any of the materials listed. However, we try to ensure that the references are currently available and consist of recognized industry standards.

Michigan Administrative Rules for Cosmetology, 1980, as amended, <http://www.michigan.gov/cosmetology>, Please refer to the Michigan website for most current version.

Michigan Occupational Code, 1980, as amended, Articles 1-6, 12, <http://www.michigan.gov/cosmetology>, Please refer to the Michigan website for most current version.

Milady's Standard Cosmetology, 2016, Delmar Publishing/Thomson Learning, P.O. Box 6904, Florence, KY 41022. **Supplemental reference for sanitation, disinfection, safety and physiology.**

Natural Hair Care and Braiding, 2013, Delmar Publishing/Thomson Learning, P.O. Box 6904, Florence, KY 41022.

Salon Fundamentals: A Resource for Your Cosmetology Career, (2nd edition) 2010, Pivot Point International, Inc.

NATURAL HAIR CULTURIST THEORY PORTION RESULT REPORTING

You must score at least 70 percent to pass the examination.

A written result report will be provided to you immediately after completing the theory examination. Examination results are confidential and will be given only to you and the Department. Candidates passing the examination will receive ONLY a result indication of PASS. Passing numeric results are not available. Candidates who do not pass will receive an overall score and an individual score for each of the test sections. Candidates should use this information to assist them in studying for the re-examination.

- The entire exam is 1 hour and 30 minutes in length
- An additional two minutes will be given before each section for setup.
- A proctor will be monitoring the time during the examination. Candidates will not receive points for any activities not completed within the allotted time limits.
- The total number of points on the exam is 68 and the passing score is 75%.
- You must bring a mannequin.
- No markings or colorings around the mannequin's hair, scalp, or hairline are permitted. Candidates bringing in mannequins with these markings may not receive points for the sections of the exam requiring use of these mannequins.
- If you do NOT bring the items listed in the "Kits/Supplies and Equipment" section or bring a wrong item (e.g., non-EPA approved disinfectant), you will NOT receive points for completing those steps.
- During the Practical portion, you must follow all appropriate rules for patron protection that will ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
- Wearing gloves and changing them throughout the exam will NOT be accepted in lieu of sanitizing hands.

Any violation of the following code of conduct will result in the loss of points for the tasks performed during the time the conduct is taking place and a report of your conduct will be filed with your State Licensing Bureau.

- You may NOT observe the work of other candidates and you must keep your eyes on your own workstation during the examination.
- You may NOT ask questions while performing tasks.
- You are NOT allowed to speak to or assist other candidates throughout the examination.
- You may NOT bring any notes (e.g., written task lines on containers), cheat sheets, task lines, or candidate information bulletins into the examination site, nor may you refer to them during the practical examination.

KITS/SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

Candidates are responsible for bringing all necessary supplies/equipment needed to perform all services. Review the Natural Hair Culturist Practical Portion Rating Criteria and be sure you bring all the supplies/equipment you will need to perform these services.

- Kit (30" X 30" in size). This can be mesh with a plastic liner. Kit is considered dry storage and should remain closed when not in use.
- Paper towels to dry hands, and to use when cleaning stations
- Cape
- Towels
- Combs
- Neck strips
- Mannequin with pre-cleaned hair
- Mannequin stand or clamp
- 70% Alcohol/Disinfectant
- Spray bottle
- Hair extensions
- Hair weft
- Clips
- Needle and thread
- Rubber bands
- Bag for waste materials
- Tape for waste bag
- Hand sanitizer
- Scissors for cutting thread
- Blood spill kit (including antiseptic, disinfectant, bandages, gloves, labeled blood spill bag)

ITEMS SUPPLIED BY TESTING VENDOR

- Work stations
- Liquid soap
- Hot and cold water
- Brooms and dust pans
- Covered trash cans
- First aid kit
- Adequate lighting
- Wall clock
- Diagram of quadrants and services to be performed in each quadrant

NATURAL HAIR CULTURIST PRACTICAL PORTION RATING CRITERIA

- The exam will be 1 hour and 30 minutes in length.
- Total number of points is 68.
- The passing score for the entire Practical examination is 75%

The following information will be used by examiners to grade your performance during the practical portion:

It is NOT necessary to perform additional or altered tasks not listed below. Items NOT listed below are NOT rated during the examination. Candidates **MUST raise their hand at the end of each section indicating completion.**

Each task line is worth 1 point each.

Pre-Exam Set Up and Disinfection

Time Allowed: 10 minutes

Safety Criteria:

1. Implements and supplies are clean and bags are labeled as pre-sanitized in English ONLY
2. Disposes of waste materials using trash bag throughout exam
3. Disinfects work surfaces with approved disinfectant
4. Kit must remain closed

Cornrow and Freefall

Time Allowed: 20 minutes

Perform one cornrow and one freefall (also known as an underhand individual braid) on front right quadrant.
All tasks must be performed in the order listed.

Procedure Criteria:

1. Washes own hands with soap and water
2. Sanitizes own hands with hand sanitizer
3. Drapes with neckstrip/towel and cape
4. Combs hair
5. Parts hair into four equal quadrants using clips
6. Ensures cornrow is tight against scalp
7. Maintains even tension when braiding cornrow
8. Ensures hair is divided equally amongst strands within cornrow
9. Ensures hair within cornrow is smooth
10. Secures end of cornrow with rubber band
11. Ensures freefall braid is attached to scalp only at base
12. Maintains even tension when braiding freefall
13. Ensures hair is divided equally amongst strands within freefall braid
14. Ensures hair within freefall braid is smooth
15. Secures end of freefall braid with rubber band

Safety Criteria:

1. Disposes of waste material using trash bag
2. Ensures workstation remains sanitary by changing towels when soiled, cleaning spills, and maintaining sanitary implements/materials throughout service
3. Ensures draping is maintained throughout service
4. Removes products from containers without contamination
5. Replaces contaminated items
6. Kit must remain closed

Visible and Invisible Braids

Time Allowed: 15 minutes

Perform one visible braid (also known as an underhand single or individual braid) and one invisible braid (also known as a French or overhand braid) on back right quadrant.

All tasks must be performed in the order listed.

Procedure Criteria:

1. Maintains even tension when braiding visible braid
2. Ensures hair is divided equally amongst strands in visible braid
3. Ensures hair within visible braid is smooth
4. Secures end of visible braid with rubber band
5. Maintains even tension when braiding invisible braid
6. Ensures hair is divided evenly amongst strands in invisible braid
7. Ensures hair within invisible braid is smooth
8. Secures end of invisible braid with rubber band



Safety Criteria:

1. Disposes of waste material using trash bag
2. Ensures workstation remains sanitary by changing towels when soiled, cleaning spills, and maintaining sanitary implements/materials throughout service
3. Ensures draping is maintained throughout service
4. Implements and supplies are clean and bags are labeled as pre sanitized in English ONLY
5. Replaces contaminated items
6. Kit must remain closed

Sew-in Extension**Time Allowed: 20 minutes***Perform one sew-in extension with hair weft on back left quadrant.*All tasks must be performed in the order listed.**Procedure Criteria:**

1. Performs thin cornrow/track prior to sewing in extension
2. Ensures cornrow/track is smooth against scalp
3. Sews weft onto cornrow/track with needle and thread
4. Maintains even tension when sewing so weft is tight against cornrow/track

Safety Criteria:

1. Disposes of waste material using trash bag
2. Ensures workstation remains sanitary by changing towels when soiled, cleaning spills, and maintaining sanitary implements/materials throughout service
3. Ensures draping is maintained throughout service
4. Implements and supplies are clean and bags are labeled as pre sanitized in English ONLY
5. Replaces contaminated items
6. Kit must remain closed

Braid Extension**Time Allowed: 15 minutes***Perform one braid extension on front left quadrant.*All tasks must be performed in the order listed.**Procedure Criteria:**

1. Selects amount of extension fibers appropriate for desired braid
2. Starts extension fibers at base of braid
3. Braids extension fibers into natural hair
4. Maintains even tension when braiding braid extension
5. Ensures hair is divided equally amongst strands in braid extension
6. Ensures hair is smooth from base to end of braid extension
7. Secures end of braid extension with rubber band

Safety Criteria:

1. Disposes of waste material using trash bag
2. Ensures workstation remains sanitary by changing towels when soiled, cleaning spills, and maintaining sanitary implements/materials throughout service
3. Ensures draping is maintained throughout service
4. Implements and supplies are clean and bags are labeled as pre sanitized in English ONLY
5. Replaces contaminated items
6. Kit must remain closed

End of Exam Disinfection**Time Allowed: 10 minutes****Safety Criteria:**

1. Removes cape
2. Disposes of used towel(s), cape(s), neckstrip(s)
3. Disinfects work surfaces, station, and area to include chair and mirror
4. Sanitizes own hands with hand sanitizer
6. Removes all supplies, materials, and personal belongings

NATURAL HAIR CULTURIST PRACTICAL PORTION RESULT REPORTING

You must score at least 75% (51 points) in order to pass the practical examination.

A written result report will be mailed to you by PSI within 7 business days following the examination. In addition, examination results will be available to candidates on-line one business day after the exam date. Simply go to www.psiexams.com and click the "create an account" button and follow the simple steps. Once you have created an account, you will be able to see your result as well as pay for and schedule your exams. Examination results are confidential and will be given only to you and the Department. Candidates passing the examination will receive ONLY a result indication of PASS. Passing numeric results are not available. Candidates who do not pass will receive an overall score and an individual score for each of the services in the Practical Portion Rating Criteria. Candidates should use this information to assist them in studying for the re-examination.

LICENSURE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for licensure, you must complete the license application at the MyLicense website (www.michigan.gov/miplus), submit the required fee to the State of Michigan, pass the required examination(s), and meet the following requirements:

- be at least 17 years of age;
- be of good moral character;
- have an education equivalent to the completion of the ninth grade; and
- have successfully completed a course of study of at least 400 hours; OR
- have served at least six months as an apprentice in a licensed establishment under an approved apprenticeship program in which Natural Hair Culturist is practiced.

A false statement or dishonest answer on the license application may be 1) grounds for denial of licensure; 2) grounds for disciplinary action against any future license; or 3) punishable by law. Furthermore, any conviction(s) for which you did or could have gone to jail may delay your application for a license. If licensure is denied, this action may be appealed to the Board of Cosmetology.

After the State of Michigan determines your eligibility to test and receive a license, an electronic file will be submitted to PSI. It is at this time that you may submit your completed Examination Registration Form (found at the back of this Candidate Information Bulletin) to PSI.

When you have finished the Examination Registration Form in its entirety, please mail or fax the form, along with the appropriate fees, to the address below.

PSI licensure:certification * ATTN: Examination Registration MI COSMO
3210 E Tropicana * Las Vegas, NV * 89121
Fax (702) 932-2666 * (855) 579-4635 * TTY (800) 735-2929
www.psiexams.com





Before you begin. . .

Read the Candidate Information Bulletin before filling out this registration form. You must provide all information requested and submit the appropriate fee. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. Registration forms that are incomplete, illegible, or not accompanied by the proper fee will be returned unprocessed. Registration fees are not refundable or transferable.

Legal Name:

_____ Last Name First Name Middle Name

Social Security:

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Mailing Address:

_____ Number, Street (Must be a physical address, PO Boxes are NOT accepted) Apt/Ste

_____ City State Zip Code

Telephone:

Home _____ - _____ Office _____ - _____

Email:

_____ @ _____

Date of Birth:

____ - ____ - ____
Month Date Year

Examination: (Check one)

- Natural Hair Culturist Theory and Practical (\$167)
- Natural Hair Culturist Practical Portion only (\$93)
- Natural Hair Culturist Theory Portion only (\$93)

Total Fees Included: _____ Pay by money order, cashier’s check, company check, or credit card. Personal checks and cash are not accepted. Make check payable to “PSI” and write the applicant’s social security number on it.

If paying by credit card, check one: VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

Card No: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card Verification No: _____ *The card verification number may be located on the back of the card (the last three digits on the signature strip) or on the front of the card (the four digits to the right and above the card account number).*

Billing Street Address: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Cardholder Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____

I am requesting exam accommodations due to a documented disability that falls under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
 YES NO

If yes, you must fill out the Exam Accommodations Request Form found at www.psiexams.com. Select Michigan, and the license type, and the form will be found under “Information Links”. A copy of this form may also be obtained by phoning 1-(855) 579-4635.

YOU MUST FILL OUT THE NEXT PAGE



Check one of the following:

- First Time Exam Candidate** - has never taken this exam. All First Time candidates must have their school complete the following Affidavit Section.
- Retake Candidate** - has previously taken the exam and did not pass. If no information has changed from your original application, you may call PSI to schedule your exam or schedule online at www.psiexams.com. If information has changed you will need to fill out this registration form again.
- Relicensure Candidate** - an individual whose Natural Hair Culturist license has been lapsed for 3 or more years. All Relicensure candidates must have the state complete the Relicensure Section on the bottom of this page.
- Out-of-State Candidate** - All Out-of-State candidates must have the state complete the Out-of-State section on the bottom of this page.
- Apprenticeship Candidate** - All Apprenticeship candidates must have the state complete the Apprenticeship section on the bottom of this page.

Affidavit: *I certify that the information provided on this registration form (and/or telephonically to PSI) is correct. I understand that any falsification of information may result in denial of licensure. I have read and understand the candidate information bulletin.*

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Affidavit Section

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY AN APPROVED SCHOOL OFFICIAL FOR ALL FIRST-TIME CANDIDATES.

I hereby certify that this applicant has successfully completed the required course of training following the curriculum guidelines as required by Administrative Rule, promulgated by the Department.

Applicant Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Date of Enrollment: _____ Date of Completion: _____

Name of School: _____ Number of Hours Completed: _____

Address of School: _____ School License Number: _____

Language that classes and school exams were given in: _____ Text book language: _____

Signature of School Owner _____ Date _____

Print Name

Relicensure, Out-of-State and Apprenticeship Section

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY AN APPROVED STATE OFFICIAL. Call the Board of Cosmetology at (517) 241-9288 for detailed instructions.

Applicant Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

The candidate must complete the following exams:

Practical and Theory Theory Only Practical Only Code _____

Signature of School Owner _____ Date _____

Print Name

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