

Priority Application Deadline: April 2, 2027

Application inquiries may be directed to: SelectiveAdmissions@northshore.edu

The Application Process Checklist

Initial when complete	Required Documentation
	1. NSCC Application for Admission Submit the Cosmetology application for the year for which you are applying; regardless of whether you are a new or current student.
	2. Mandatory Information Session Attendance Applicants must attend a Mandatory Information Session during the academic year prior to admission. Upcoming dates are available by visiting: northshore.edu/academics/programs/zcs/index.html
	3. High School Transcript or GED score report Attach a copy of your high school transcript or GED score report. If you previously submitted the transcript or score report and attended classes within the past 5 years, then Enrollment likely has it on file and will upload it to your application.
	4. Communications Proficiency There are many ways to demonstrate this. (See link below) If you have demonstrated proficiency with your SAT scores or Accuplacer testing from another institution, please attach that document to your application. If you have demonstrated proficiency with your high school GPA or with college level courses, this will be updated upon review of your submitted materials. northshore.edu/academics/proficiency/communications-proficiency.html
	5. Essay (Essays submitted with this application must be your own original work. More details can be found in the online application) Thank you for your interest in joining the Cosmetology program at North Shore Community College! We are excited to learn more about your goals, passion and commitment to the beauty industry. This essay is your opportunity to share what inspires you and why you believe cosmetology is the right path for you. We are looking for students who are passionate about learning, dedicated to their craft and ready to make a positive impact through the art of beauty. Please answer the questions below in a 4 paragraph format following this order: Paragraph 1: Explain how you see the cosmetology profession making a difference in people's lives. Paragraph 2: Describe the qualities you believe make a great cosmetologist. Paragraph 3: Discuss how you will stay committed to successfully completing the program at NSCC. Paragraph 4: Share your personal inspiration for pursuing this career and reflect on what this industry means to you, tying together the ideas from paragraphs 1-3. Your completed essay must be uploaded to your online application portal.