

State Practical Examination Guidelines

The South Carolina State Board of Cosmetology requires you to be examined on the following services in the order in which they are listed below on the practical examination:

Core Domain Services: *(Please allow at least 4 hours for this Examination)*

- Work Area and Client Preparation, and Set Up of Supplies
- Thermal Curling (**cold iron** will be used to demonstrate)
- Haircutting
- Work Area and New Client Preparation, and Set Up of Supplies
- Chemical Waving
- Predisposition Test and Strand Test with Simulated Product
- Highlighting with Foil, Virgin Application with Colored Simulated Product
- Hair Color Retouch with Colored Simulated Product
- Virgin Hair Relaxer Application with Colored Simulated Product
- Blood Exposure Procedure

Additional Services required:

- Basic Facial
- Hair Removal of the Eyebrows by Tweezing and Using Simulated Soft Wax
- Hair Removal of the Upper Lip Using Hard Wax
- Manicure and Polish Application
- Nail Tip Application and Blending

Mannequins

A **mannequin head** is required for all services hair and facial services. It is the candidate's responsibility to come prepared for the examination. Mannequin heads that are pre-marked or pre-sectioned are **NOT** allowed for any part of the practical examination. The mannequin's hair must be brushed straight back prior to reporting to the examination.

A **mannequin hand** is required for all nail services. Hands with digital fingers (trainer hands) are **NOT** permitted during the examinations. Prior to reporting to the examination you **MUST** apply a set of nails to the mannequin hand. The artificial nails must cover the entire nail bed of each finger.

Prohibited Items:

Aerosol products are not permitted at any time during the examination.

Monomer must be low odor/less-odor and factory sealed in its original container with the manufacturer's label.

Polymer and primer must be in its original container with manufacture's label.

Kit Size

Kit size must be **no larger** than **30" x 30"**. For safety reasons, all kits must fit completely under the table areas.