

COSMETOLOGY COURSES OFFERED THROUGH MCPHERSON PROGRAM

COSMETOLOGY COURSE-

Riverside Vo-Tech at the McPherson Unit offers **Cosmetology** and **Cosmetology Instructor** course offerings in their program. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) requires 1,500 training hours under a licensed cosmetology instructor at a licensed cosmetology school for a person to obtain a cosmetology license. Riverside is fortunate to have a licensed cosmetology instructor on staff to guide students through their educational journey.

Cosmetology Instructor Sydney Fuller works diligently to make sure every student in her class is able to understand the theoretical and practical study of cosmetology. The Cosmetology course provides classroom and practical experiences with a variety of beauty treatments, including training in:

- Giving Shampoos, Rinses, and Scalp Treatments
- Hairstyling
- Hair Setting
- Cutting
- Bleaching
- Permanent Waves
- Facials
- Manicuring
- Hand and Arm Massage
- Bacteriology
- Anatomy
- Hygiene
- Sanitation
- Salon Management
- Customer Relations



Cosmetology Instructor Sydney Fuller watches as students demonstrate techniques she has taught them.

Once a student hits 1200 hours, they are eligible to test early for both their practical and written testing. Practical testing is done on-site at the McPherson Unit under Ms. Fuller's supervision. Written testing is available at multiple establishments across the state. When the student successfully completes 1500 hours, and passes both their practical and written exams, they will receive their cosmetology license from ADH. This license will provide them with the opportunity to work at any salon in the state with endless opportunities in the beauty industry.

COSMETOLOGY INSTRUCTOR COURSE-

Successfully obtaining a license through the Vo-Tech program opens the door for educational advancement in the cosmetology field. Ms. Fuller also teaches a Cosmetology Instructor course at the unit for students who have earned a cosmetology license, regardless what school they attended.



COSMETOLOGY continued:

Students enrolled in the course are required to take an additional 600 hours of training in which they learn how to make lesson plans, teach practical and theory work, grade assignments, and study different intellectual learning styles. Upon completion of the coursework, students must successfully pass a written and practical exam to obtain a Cosmetology Instructor license. The written exam tests their knowledge on a number of topics such as seating styles in the classroom, effective communication, and presentations. For the practical exam, students must demonstrate their knowledge by teaching two lessons, such as how to foil highlights in the hair (using a mannequin) and how to properly disinfect a workstation. Once a student earns a Cosmetology Instructor license, they will have the ability to teach at any cosmetology school in the state of Arkansas.

Riverside Vo-Tech's Cosmetology and Cosmetology Instructor courses provide many with marketable skills needed for successful reentry into society following prison release.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT
May 2020

EAST ARKANSAS REGIONAL UNIT	Enrolled	Removed	Interns	Completed	NCCER
Building Maintenance	14	0	0	0	0
Computerized Applications Technology	13	1	0	0	0
Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	9	0	0	0	0
Welding	14	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	50	1	0	0	0

ESTER UNIT	Enrolled	Removed	Interns	Completed	NCCER
Computerized Applications Technology	15	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	15	0	0	0	0

NEWPORT COMPLEX	Enrolled	Removed	Interns	Completed	NCCER
Computerized Applications Technology	12	0	0	1	0
Computerized Accounting	9	2	0	2	0
Cosmetology	13	0	1	0	0
Cosmetology Instructor	1	0	0	0	0
Horticulture	16	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	51	2	2	3	0

NORTH CENTRAL UNIT	Enrolled	Removed	Interns	Completed	NCCER
Horticulture	16	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16	0	0	0	0

OUACHITA RIVER CORRECTIONAL UNIT	Enrolled	Removed	Interns	Completed	NCCER
Building Trades Technology	14	1	0	0	0
Computerized Applications Technology	15	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	29	1	0	0	0

RANDALL L. WILLIAMS UNIT	Enrolled	Removed	Interns	Completed	NCCER
Landscape & Design	14	0	2	0	0
TOTAL	14	0	2	0	0

VARNER UNIT	Enrolled	Removed	Interns	Completed	NCCER/ ServSafe
Building Maintenance	14	2	0	0	0
Culinary Arts	13	3	1	1	0
Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	14	1	2	0	0
Residential Carpentry	12	2	0	1	0
Residential Electricity	15	2	1	0	0
Welding	17	1	1	2	0
TOTAL	85	11	5	4	0

A RIVERSIDE VO-TECH SUCCESS STORY:

May 2020

Hello, My name is Diane Cooper. I was incarcerated at the McPherson Unit of the Arkansas Department of Corrections from November 2016 until April 2019. I was then in the Re-Entry program of the Arkansas Department of Community Corrections until October 2019.

I arrived at McPherson having been sentenced on theft and forgery charges as a habitual offender. I had ruined my career as an accountant and knew I needed to change careers. Putting me back in an office type job would be like putting a drug addict back in a crack house. The likelihood of re-offending would be great. It was at that time I made my first long-term goal I had ever made: to change my career, somehow, some way. In reviewing the packets of information given to me at intake, I was most interested in the Cosmetology class of the Vo-Tech program. I submitted my request to Ms. Gates and fortunately at the time of my first classification, there was not a waiting list. In February 2017, I entered the class that started the change of my career...and ultimately helped change my life.

In the Cosmetology class I learned the skills and gained the knowledge to successfully graduate the class in September of 2018. In addition to graduating the class, I was able to take both

portions of the State Board of Cosmetology exam and obtain my Cosmetologist license – all while still being incarcerated at McPherson.

After successfully completing the Re-Entry program, I returned home where I now care for my elderly mother. I have obtained employment at a hair salon where I am using my license. I continue to build upon my skills and knowledge of the industry and am enjoying helping others feel good about themselves.

It is a rewarding career in so many ways.

I owe a lot of my success to the Arkansas Department of Corrections and Riverside Vo-Tech. Without having had the opportunity this class provided, I cannot begin to guess how different things may be. So for that, I thank them.

I will be forever grateful for Assistant Director Tonya Gates and Cosmetology Instructor Sydney Fuller. Without their guidance, support, and belief in me, I never would have developed the belief in myself.

I am proud of myself for my accomplishments, big and small, and continue to set goals for myself.

I know my family is also proud of me and I never want to lose that again.

Thank you!

UNIT PROGRAM UPDATES:

EAST ARKANSAS REGIONAL UNIT –

William “Mark” Andrews joined the Marianna Fire Department 1978. In 1995, he also began working at the East Arkansas Regional Unit (EARU) as a security officer, where he served for one year before taking on the role as the unit’s Maintenance Supervisor for six years.

After serving 25 years with the Marianna Fire Department, Mr. Andrews retired as chief in 2003. He then went to work as a military contractor in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kuwait where he served in the areas of site/construction management. He returned to EARU’s Maintenance Department in 2014, only to transfer two years later to the unit’s Riverside Vo-Tech Program as a Welding Instructor.



A student works on a motor as Unit Manager/HVAC Instructor Mark Andrews observes.

EARU PROGRAM UPDATE (continued):

Mr. Andrews worked with management to open the Computer Applied Technologies (CAT) program in the unit's vo-tech program in August of 2018. It was around this same time that he also assisted in realigning the Building Maintenance class curriculum to meet the criteria set forth by the National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER).

In January 2019, Mr. Andrews was selected as the Program Manager for EARU Riverside Vo-Tech and within two months he helped develop the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) program, for which he also serves as an instructor.

Riverside Vo-Tech appreciates the hard work and dedication demonstrated by Mr. Andrews as he carries out double duties as Unit Program Manager and HVAC Instructor at EARU.

VARNER UNIT –

Since the suspension of the plumbing class at the Varner Unit, students in Riverside's Building Maintenance class have taken on plumbing duties for the Vo-Tech, which demonstrates Instructor Jeffrey Wright's knowledge of maintenance and facilities.

The students in the program learn the basics of maintaining facilities in regards to heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), electricity, carpentry, and plumbing in a more broad sense than the specialized classes. They also receive training in the core curriculum, Construction Technology, and Carpentry I.

Another project taken on by the Building Maintenance class is the remodeling of the unit's Culinary Arts classroom due to smoke and water damage sustained after a dryer caught fire and a ceiling water pipe burst.

The class is also in the process of replacing the building's ceiling grid, which has been damaged through the years by water leaks.

Students in Building Maintenance class at Varner work with their instructor to construct a Baggo set to be donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Stuttgart.

