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***Mitchell offers new manicuring certificate***

**Statesville, NC** – Mitchell Community College recently announced a new career offering in the form of a 18-hour manicuring certificate. The manicuring program is a blend of State Board approved manicuring coursework with business-focused classes.

The Manicuring/Nail Technology curriculum provides competency-based knowledge, scientific/artistic principles and hands-on fundamentals associated with the nail technology industry. The curriculum is offered in a simulated salon environment which enables students to develop real-world skills. Coursework includes instruction in all phases of professional nail technology, business/computer principles, product knowledge and other related topics.

Graduates should be prepared to take the North Carolina Cosmetology State Board Licensing Exam and, upon passing, be licensed and qualify for employment in beauty and nail salons and in related businesses.

In addition to the basic manicuring course work the program features an “Introduction to Business” and “Professional Development” courses. Mark Smalley, program dean, said, “The new offering prepares students to excel in a unique way, providing manicuring skills along with business acumen to increase the chance for success for the graduate.” Manicuring classes will be held Tuesday and Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Iredell-Statesville School’s CATS center. Business coursework will be offered in the Cosmetic Arts center on Friday mornings in a hybrid (mixture of seated and online) format. Financial aid is available. Call (704) 878-4372 or visit [mitchellcc.edu](http://mitchellcc.edu) for more details.

Mitchell Community College serves 10,000 students annually through a variety of curriculum, continuing education and workforce development programs. With campuses in Statesville and Mooresville, Mitchell offers quality, affordable education options to residents of Iredell County and the surrounding area. For more information, visit [www.mitchellcc.edu](http://www.mitchellcc.edu) or call (704) 878-3200 (Statesville Campus) or (704) 663-1923 (Mooresville Campus).

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