

Academic Programs

At Networks Barber College, students become life-long learners. Our academic program instills the knowledge they will need to excel at their chosen profession.

Our classes achieve excellence because we employ a wide repertoire of teaching and learning strategies, and students are actively involved in the learning process. Our stimulating classes draw upon students' strengths and encourage them to push themselves to the outer limits of their abilities.

Voluntary extracurricular activities enable students to apply the material they learn in class to a real-life situation. Teachers provide ideas and motivate students to take the initiative. In this way, students exercise their creativity and learn to set goals for themselves.

Our academic program provides students with rich learning experiences in a wide variety of subject areas. We reinforce our students' individual strengths and help them achieve excellence, even in the subjects where they face the toughest challenges. Our teachers demonstrate the practical relevance of every subject matter, giving students an added incentive to learn. Activity-oriented, challenging content is at the core of our lesson plans.

Programs Currently Offered

We currently offer 2 program courses:

- The Barber-Stylist Program (1500 clock hours)

Course Description: The State of Illinois requires 1500 hours of training which takes approximately twelve (12) months to complete. All work is monitored by a licensed instructor. The skills learned throughout the program will prepare students to take the State Board Exam and to obtain an entry-level position. Our Barber Stylist Program does qualify for Financial Aid.

- The Barber Teacher Program (1000 clock hours)

Course Description: The State of Illinois requires Barbers with less than two years of experience, wishing to obtain the Instructor license to take 1000 hours of training which takes approximately seven (7) months to complete. The course is designed to teach the methods and principles of teaching. Upon completion students will be prepared to take the State Board Exam to acquire the Instructor license.

Both programs are licensed by the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation (IDFPR) and accredited by the National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences (NACCAS).

Instructional Facilities

Our modern classroom and clinic floor make it possible to explore the world around us in a safe, encouraging environment.

- Waiting Area – includes a small clinic floor with plenty of room for clients and guest to sit comfortably while waiting to be serviced. Amenities include a soda machine, water cooler, and television.
- Clinic Floor – consists of working stations where the students work on customers under the direct supervision of an instructor. Hair dryers, wash bowls, and other equipment are readily and easily available for use. Utility sink, washer, and dyer are also available to maintain sanitation requirements.
- Theory Classroom – includes ample space for student learning and instructor teaching. Visual aids are available such as charts, computers, video library, and a television all to help foster the learning of our students.
- Computer Lab – included in our classroom where students can review theory material, study, and take required tests.
- Break Area – a small section where students can safely store their personal items in lockers and sit at tables for lunch and breaks
- Dispensary – a small storage area where stock is kept of barber supplies and other school supplies that support the learning and experience of our students
- Restrooms – 2 restrooms are provided for the use of our staff, students, and clients.
- Parking lot – accommodations have been made for our staff, students, and clients who drive to the school to safely park their vehicles in our private lot.

Our facilities have been designed for the accommodation of all our employees, students, and clients.

Faculty Overview

The faculty of Networks Barber College is leaders in the community who share a passion for teaching and creating a supportive learning environment that is challenging, collaborative and engaging. Networks Barber College prepares the students of today for the world of tomorrow. Our faculty makes this possible by fostering a love of learning in our students. It starts with a well-balanced curriculum. We make sure the class content fits both our learning objectives and the reality of our students' lives. Current faculty includes:

- Kumasi Barfield – Executive Director
- Chaviva Barfield – School Administrator
- Peter Clarke – Financial Aid Administrator
- LaVar Barfield – Admissions Officer
- Walter Nelson – Lead School Instructor