

NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE - DIVISION OF LICENSING SERVICES

NATURAL HAIR STYLING PRACTICAL EXAMINATION PROCEDURES

The following is a description of the examination procedures you will be asked to perform.

You will be given instructions and an announcement of the time allotment for each section of this examination. Do not start any of the procedures until instructed to do so. Talking amongst candidates is not allowed.

PLEASE NOTE: Proper sanitation and disinfection procedures must be demonstrated during every aspect of this examination in accordance with appearance enhancement statute and regulations.

PART I - PREPARATION OF WORK AREA & MODEL/MANNEQUIN (15 minutes)

When instructed to begin, you will be asked to:

Remove pre-mixed surface sanitizing solution and related supplies from your kit and sanitize your assigned work surface following required procedures. ***Be sure to attach a bag for disposables to your work station at this time.***

Set up your disinfectant tray/container for the later immersion of contaminated implements and prepare your live model or mannequin.

PART II – LOCKING (30 minutes)

After the examiner has checked your work area and model or mannequin, and you are told to proceed, you should begin the Locking portion of the examination.

You will be required to demonstrate three different locking techniques: comb method, two-strand twist method, and palm rolling. Six locks using each technique should be completed. This procedure must be performed at the topknot area of the head.

PART III - BRAIDING (30 minutes)

After the examiner has checked the results of your locking, and you are told to proceed, you should begin braiding. You must demonstrate three braid types: three cosamas braids (1½ - 2" diameter) on one side of the head and three small braids (1/16 - 1/8" diameter) and three medium braids (1/4 - 1/2" diameter) on the other side of the head. Diagonal parts and vertical subsections should be used.

PARTS IV & V - CORNROWING (30 minutes) and WEAVE APPLICATION (30 minutes)

After the examiner has checked your finished braids, and you are told to proceed, you should begin creating five vertical cornrows on one side of the crown. Extension hair should be added to the cornrows.

When you have completed five vertical cornrows, use an appropriate clip to move excess hair from the other side of the crown out of the way and create a horizontal cornrow, with extension hair, across the lower crown area and sew a weave to this cornrow.

When weaving has been completed, and instructed by the examiner to do so, clean your work area and repack all supplies. You will be told when you may leave your work area. Unless otherwise instructed, you will be allowed to discard your bag of disposables on your way out of the exam room.