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Effective August 10, 2026, the SC Board of Barber Examiners has provided guidance regarding the curriculum for a crossover license from Registered Cosmetology to Master Hair Care Specialist. Per [SC Code of Law 17-51](#), a Registered Cosmetologist may obtain crossover licensure by meeting the following:

1. Is a current SC registered cosmetologist for at least 2-years and has passed the NIC barber practical examination.
2. Is a SC registered cosmetologist less than 2-years and has completed 375-hours of barber school training approved by the Board, and has passed the NIC barber practical examination.
3. If an applicant fails any portion of the examination, the applicant must complete 50-hours of training in each portion failed. The training is to be conducted in a Board approved barber school prior to being approved to retake the barber practical examination.

MASTER HAIR CARE SPECIALIST CROSSOVER CURRICULUM

1. History of Barbering	5
2. Implements, Tools, & Equipment	20
• Implements Use & Safety	
• Tools Use & Safety	
• Equipment Use & Safety	
3. Shaving and Facial Hair Design	60
• 14-Step Shave	
• Mustache or Beard Design	
4. Men's Haircutting & Styling	280
a. Haircuts and Styles	
b. Head Shaves	
5. State Board Preparation, Licensing Laws and Regulations	10
a. State Board Prep – Licensing Laws & Regulations	
b. State Board Prep – Practical – Practice & Testing	
c. State Board Prep – Theory – Review & Testing	
TOTAL HOURS:	375