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The Board has received several questions regarding the crossover curriculum from Master Hair Care Specialist of the SC Board of Barber Examiners to a Registered Cosmetologist of the SC Board of Cosmetology. A committee was held on Monday, June 22, 2026. The committee reviewed the curriculum for both Boards and the Code of Law in [Regulation 35-26](#). The Board has approved the curriculum guidelines as followed:

Master Hair Care Specialists licensed for four (4) or more years, must complete 100 registered cosmetology hours and pass the registered cosmetology theory and practical examination with a score of 75 or greater.

Curriculum – 4 or more years as a licensed Master Hair Care Specialist	100 Hours
Dermatology	20 Hours
Esthetics	
Facials	
Hair Removal	20 Hours
Skin/Equipment	10 Hours
Make-Up	10 Hours
Nail Technology	25 Hours
SC State Law	15 Hours

Master Hair Care Specialists licensed for three (3) years, must complete 200 registered cosmetology hours and pass the registered cosmetology theory and practical examination with a score of 75 or greater.

Curriculum – 3 years as a licensed Master Hair Care Specialist	200 Hours
Dermatology	25 Hours
Registered Cosmetology	

Chemical Texture	20 Hours
Hair Color & Lightening	25 Hours
Esthetics	
Facials	
Hair Removal	20 Hours
Skin/Equipment	15 Hours
Make-Up	10 Hours
Threading	10 Hours
Nail Technology	30 Hours
Nail Structure (Diseases)	30 Hours
SC State Law	15 Hours

Master Hair Care Specialists licensed for three (3) or less, must complete 350 registered cosmetology hours and pass the registered cosmetology theory and practical examination with a score of 75 or greater

Curriculum – 3 years or less as a licensed Master Hair Care Specialist	350 Hours
Dermatology	25 Hours
Registered Cosmetology	
Chemical Texture	120 Hours
Hair Color & Lightening	75 Hours
Esthetics	
Facials	
Hair Removal	20 Hours
Skin/Equipment	15 Hours
Make-Up	10 Hours
Threading	10 Hours
Nail Technology	30 Hours
Nail Structure (Diseases)	30 Hours
SC State Law	15 Hours