# NAIL TECHNOLOGIST

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| **Licensing Authority** | **Phyllis Prall**<br>**Cosmetology Board**<br>**Iowa Department of Public Health**<br>**Lucas State Office Bldg**<br>**321 E 12th St**<br>**Des Moines IA 50319-0075**<br>**Phone: (515) 281-4416**<br>**Fax:    (515) 281-3121**<br>**E-mail:  pprall@idph.state.ia.us** |
| **Legal Authority** | Code of Iowa, Chapter 157; Iowa Administrative Code 645, Chapters 59-65 |
| **Job Description** | Nail technologists apply sculptured nails, nail extensions, wraps, overlays, nail art or any other nail technique to the fingernails and toenails of a person. Also, they manicure people's nails, remove excess hair (by use of depilatories, wax or tweezers), and massage the hands, arms, ankles, and feet. |
| **Education & Experience Required** | Applicants must successfully complete a 325-hour course in nail technology from an approved school, consisting of a minimum of 150 hours of core life sciences, 50 hours of nail technology theory, 125 hours of applied practical instruction, and pass the required national and state exams.<br><br>Nail technologists from other states must apply to the testing service. |
| **Continuing Education** | Eight hours of continuing education are required biennially of which four hours must be in the prescribed practice discipline for license renewal. |
| **Examination** | Applicants must successfully pass the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology nail technology examination and the Iowa Law exam.<br><br>To arrange testing, eligible candidates may contact:<br>Experior Testing Service<br>1260 Energy Lane<br>St Paul MN 55108-5252<br>www.experioronline.com (in subject area specify "IA Cos") |
| **Fees** | Application  $50<br>Duration:    Two years<br>Renewal:    $50<br>Exam:        $75 – Theory<br>                   $30 – Iowa Law<br>Other:        $10 – Temporary Permit |
| **SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage** | 39-5092 -  Manicurists and Pedicurists ($10.48) |

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| **Number of Licenses Issued** | Total number of licenses active as of December 31,<br>2003: 490<br>2002: 622<br>2001: 783 |
| **For Additional Information** | Iowa Department of Public Health Web site:<br>www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure |