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First Student Apprentices Graduate from New Hampshire State Prison for Women - Granite State School of Cosmetology

(Concord, NH) – May 13, 2021 – The NHDOC continuously works on increasing vocational training and workforce development opportunities available to residents while incarcerated fully understanding that having the ability to acquire gainful employment upon release will aide in their ability to remain in the community successfully. With that, the New Hampshire Department of Corrections (NHDOC) is proud to announce the first two New Hampshire Correctional Facility for Women residents have graduated from the newly established Granite State School of Cosmetology, New Hampshire Department of Corrections, Licensed Cosmetology School within the New Hampshire Correctional Facility for Women (NHCFW). The Department is excited to have this new vocational path for women incarcerated in NH.

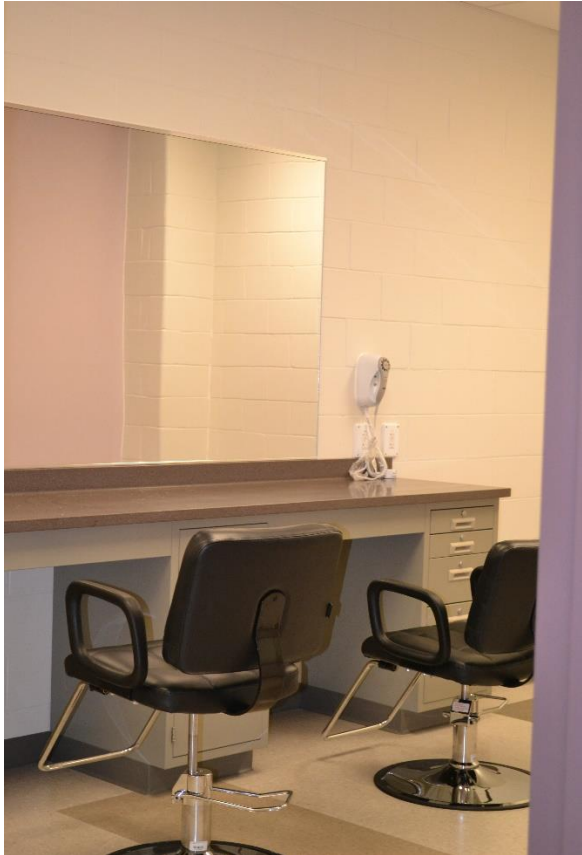
The two apprentices have successfully completed all theory and all 1500 practical hours necessary to qualify them to apply for the State Board of Cosmetology Licensing Exam. Upon completion, students are registered with the State of NH Board of Cosmetology and testing agency DL Roope under the designated License number as graduates of the **Granite State School of Cosmetology, New Hampshire Department of Corrections**, Licensed Cosmetology School at NHCFW.

In collaboration with the State of New Hampshire Board of Cosmetology, there are two approaches students can take to apply for licensure and testing. Paper-based applications and onsite state testing is available for those who are not being released proximal to the completion of the required coursework mentioned above and on-line for those who are being released shortly after coursework completion. Each of our recent graduates will use one of these approaches to apply for and attempt the written and practical portions of the state exam. Once their applications are processed, they are issued a temporary permit to work. After students successfully pass their written and practical exams, they will receive their permanent Cosmetology License and are able to begin their exciting new career.

“I have so many positive things to say about all of the Women in the program. The Cosmetology program offers an opportunity to learn a career and earn the license to practice in the State of NH. The Women that participate have earned the privilege to participate and must meet a high standard set by not just the facility but the State Board of Cosmetology. They are committed, work hard, take pride in what they do and it shows, not just in the progression of their individual skills but the professionalism they maintain working in the resident salon. I am very excited for their future success.” – Sarah Joe, Instructor - Granite State School of Cosmetology

Congratulations to both graduates and to the continued success of the Granite State School of Cosmetology.

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Photos: Granite State School of Cosmetology, New Hampshire Department of Corrections, Licensed Cosmetology School within NHC FW.