

Skincare Specialists

SOC: 39-5094 • Career Profile Report

■ Key Facts

\$41,560

Median Salary

97,400

Employment

+7.0%

Growth Rate

■ Requirements & Salary Range

Education: Postsecondary

■ Automation Risk Assessment

Medium Risk - 32.0% probability of being automated in the next 10-20 years.

This job has some routine elements but still requires human judgment and interaction.

■■ Work-Life Balance

8.7/10 - Excellent work-life balance

■ Personality Fit (RIASEC)

Higher scores indicate better personality fit for this career type.

Realistic	5.6/10	Investigative	4.6/10
Artistic	6.6/10	Social	8.8/10
Enterprising	5.6/10	Conventional	5.4/10

■ Top Skills Required

Business skills, Customer-service skills, Initiative, Physical stamina, Tidiness, Time-management skills

✓ Strengths

- High Demand
- Flexible Work
- Continuous Learning

■ Challenges

- Burnout Risk
- Rapid Technological Change

■ What They Do

Skincare Specialists, also known as estheticians, provide **treatments to improve and maintain skin health and appearance**. They perform facials, exfoliation, hair removal, and other skincare services while advising clients on proper skincare routines. Their work is critical in beauty, wellness, and personal care industries.

This career is well suited for individuals who enjoy hands-on work, personal interaction, and promoting wellness and self-care.

What Do Skincare Specialists Do?

These professionals assess skin conditions, perform treatments, and educate clients on skincare practices.

Common responsibilities include:

- Analyzing clients' skin and recommending appropriate treatments
- Performing facials, chemical peels, exfoliation, and extractions
- Conducting hair removal using waxing or other techniques
- Applying skincare products such as masks, lotions, or serums
- Advising clients on daily skin care, product use, and lifestyle habits
- Maintaining client records and treatment plans
- Ensuring sanitary conditions and following health and safety regulations

Key Areas of Skincare Specialization

Skincare specialists may focus on specific treatments, client needs, or service settings:

- Facial and Skin Treatments: Improving skin texture, tone, and overall health
- Hair Removal and Exfoliation: Waxing, threading, and chemical exfoliation
- Product Consultation and Skincare Advice: Educating clients on home care and product selection
- Spa and Wellness Services: Integrating treatments with relaxation and wellness programs
- Sanitation and Safety: Maintaining clean tools, workspaces, and client safety

Skills and Abilities Needed

Skincare specialists combine technical, interpersonal, and aesthetic skills.

Core Professional Skills

Personal Qualities That Matter

Education and Career Pathway

This role typically requires formal training and certification:

- Postsecondary Training: Esthetics or skincare program from a cosmetology or vocational school
- State Licensure: Required to practice in most states
- On-the-Job Training: Learning advanced techniques, client management, and treatment procedures
- Continuing Education: Staying current with new skincare techniques, products, and regulations
- Specialty Certifications (optional): Areas such as microdermabrasion, chemical peels, or spa therapies

Where Do Skincare Specialists Work?

They are employed in organizations providing beauty, wellness, and personal care services:

- Spas and Wellness Centers
- Cosmetic and Dermatology Clinics
- Salons and Esthetic Studios
- Resorts and Hospitality Settings

- Retail and Product Demonstration Services

Work environments include treatment rooms, spas, clinics, salons, and client consultation areas.

Is This Career Difficult?

This career requires attention to detail, manual dexterity, and strong interpersonal skills. Specialists must manage client expectations, follow safety protocols, and maintain high-quality services.

Who Should Consider This Career?

This career may be a strong fit if you:

- Enjoy hands-on work with clients
- Are detail-oriented and precise
- Have strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Are interested in skincare, wellness, and aesthetics
- Want a career promoting health, confidence, and personal care

How to Prepare Early

- Take courses in biology, chemistry, and cosmetology
- Gain experience through internships or volunteer work in spas or skincare clinics
- Develop manual dexterity, attention to detail, and communication skills
- Explore accredited esthetics or skincare training programs
- Stay updated on skincare products, techniques, and regulations

Skincare specialists enhance clients' skin health, appearance, and well-being through professional treatments, guidance, and personalized care.

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