

The Chrysm Institute of Esthetics

GETTING STARTED: THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS

For Master Esthetics Applicants Who Apply AFTER March 12, 2021

STEP 1: Check us out!

Please visit our website, www.chrysm.edu, to familiarize yourself with our program offerings, class schedules, and school policies. Email registration@chrysm.edu with any questions regarding class schedule, availability, or program information.

STEP 2: Submit your FAFSA/apply for military benefits

Financial Aid:

If interested in using federal financial aid, complete your 2021/2022 FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov > Apply for Aid. The federal school code for The Chrysm Institute of Esthetics is **042204**. Go ahead and submit your FAFSA even if our enrollment period hasn't opened yet, this puts you ahead of the game!

See page 5 for FAFSA Helpful Hints & Mistakes to Avoid!

Contact financialaid@chrysm.edu if you have any questions about your FAFSA or if you and/or your parent (if you're a dependent student) have had a change in marital status since 2019.

You will need the following documentation and information to complete your FAFSA:

2021/2022 FAFSA:

- Your 2019 tax return information (1040 tax form)
- You will need to know your Social Security Number
- If you are under the age of 24, unmarried, have no children, have no dependents, not currently serving in the military or you are not a veteran, you will need to enter your parent's information into your FAFSA. You will need:
 - You will need to enter your parent's information into your FAFSA (even if they don't claim you on their taxes and/or you don't live with them.
 - You will need your parent's 2019 taxes (for the parent you lived with most recently)
 - Social Security Numbers and marriage date/divorce date

Military Benefits:

If using VA benefits, review [Students Using Military Benefits Form](#) for more information on how to apply/ transfer benefits.

For currently enrolled Professional Esthetics students:

Due to federal regulations, we can't calculate your financial aid for the Master program until after you've completed your exit interview with the Financial Aid office and your graduation from professional has been officially processed.

STEP 3: Drop off application at Front Desk

For currently enrolled Professional Esthetics students:

You can apply to the master program once the enrollment period opens AND you've actually completed 525 actual hours of the program. Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis. **The better your attendance, the sooner you can apply and the more likely it is that you'll receive a seat in your first-choice class.*

Stop by the Front Desk to drop off your Master Esthetics application package. Your application will be reviewed and you will be contacted after your application has been processed to confirm your class schedule status.

Application packages that are missing required documents at the time of submission will not be accepted for submission.

In order to apply, applicants must submit:

- A fully completed application form
- Nonrefundable \$50 application fee (cash not accepted, valid for one year)
- Copy of High School diploma or transcript (or GED certificate/transcript or HS Equivalency)*
- Copy of not-expired, photo government-issued identification
- Signed social security card (the name and spelling on your social security card should match the name on your driver's license)
- Immigration information (if applicable)
- *If you did not attend The Chrism Institute of Esthetics for your Professional Esthetics program, a resume and/or Esthetics transcript may be requested with your application package*

**Students with foreign high school diplomas are responsible for having their high school diploma and/or transcript translated into English and evaluated for U.S. High School Diploma Equivalency by a qualified agency. Translated and evaluated diplomas must be submitted with the application package. Students with foreign high school diplomas cannot submit application package prior to the translation and evaluation of their diploma.*

STEP 4: Application Review

Your application is date and time stamped and applications are processed and reviewed in the order they are received. The staff will review your application and will take into consideration: your attendance, grades, disciplinary actions, professionalism and conduct, comprehension of material, ability to obtain clients, and willingness to take new clients. These factors may affect acceptance into the master program.

Once your application has been reviewed, you will be notified of your admission status and whether you were accepted or denied. It's possible that you may be accepted into the Master Esthetics program, but waitlisted due to the class being full.

STEP 5: Contact Financial Aid to see what you're eligible for!

The Financial Aid Office only calculates financial aid eligibility information for applicants with a reserved seat on the class rosters/waitlists for the current enrollment period.

For currently enrolled Professional Esthetics students:

Due to federal regulations, we can't calculate your financial aid for the Master program until after you've completed your exit interview with the Financial Aid office and your graduation from professional has been processed.

Once you have submitted your application package to the Registration Department and digitally submitted your FAFSA, contact the Financial Aid Office at financialaid@chrism.edu to receive information about the financial aid you qualified for.

Even if you plan to use military benefits or you plan to complete an out-of-pocket monthly payment plan, still reach out to the Financial Aid Office to discuss military benefits and/or available payment plan options.

STEP 6: Confirm your payment arrangements

Stay in contact with the Financial Aid and email financialaid@chrysm.edu as soon as you can confirm your financial aid/tuition payment arrangements. When you have confirmed your payment arrangements, submitted your application package, and received your class schedule confirmation status from the Registration Department, that's when the real magic happens!

The Financial Aid Office will email you a Financial Aid/Finance Packet via a service called HelloSign for you to sign digitally officially committing to your payment arrangements agreement. You'll just open the email, click "Review and Sign" and it's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Please note, if any of the following occur, you may forfeit your reserved seat and not be able to start class in your preferred enrollment period, IF:

- ***You don't notify the Financial Aid Office of your payment arrangements in a timely manner***
- ***You have been contacted multiple times and are unresponsive***
- ***You don't respond by the response deadline emailed to you after multiple contacts***
- ***There's not enough time to confirm your payment arrangements before class starts***

STEP 7: Watch Pre-Enrollment Seminar video, Digitally sign contract

The Registration Department will send you an email with instructions on your remaining steps to enrollment as well as your digital Enrollment Packet (via that same HelloSign service)

This email includes the following tasks to be reviewed and/or completed in this order:

1. Technology Guide PDF showing you how to use your email, join virtual Teams Meetings (how your online theory instruction will be delivered) and
2. Link to watch the REQUIRED Pre-Enrollment Seminar video on Microsoft Stream
 - o ***You must login to your chrysm student email in order to access the video**
 - o ***This video MUST be watched prior to digitally signing your contract!**

Once you have completed those tasks:

3. Look in your email for "Enrollment Packet" from HelloSign; just like with your Finance Packet, you'll open the email, click the "Review and Sign" button, and digitally sign.
 - o **Make SURE you review your Enrollment Packet carefully. When you sign the packet, you are stating you have reviewed, understand, and agree to school policies**
 - o If you have any questions and/or if there's a mistake in your packet, contact the Registration Department before signing

STEP 8: Come in to Take Student Profile Photo and Register Finger for Time Clock

After you have digitally signed your Enrollment Packet, contact our Student Liaisons at the Front Desk at admin@chrysm.edu to schedule a time you can come up to the school for a brief, 5-10 minute appointment to register your finger for the finger vein scanner and take an ID photo for your student profile.

**And voilà! After you've completed each of these steps,
You are OFFICIALLY enrolled and ready to begin the journey to
your Esthetics career!**

Please note: You are not officially enrolled in class until you have digitally signed your enrollment contract. If you do not respond to repeated attempts to contact you prior to beginning class at any step of the enrollment process (even if your enrollment contract has been signed), you may forfeit your reservation in the class.

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Waitlisting? Priority Registration? What's the deal?

If your first-choice class is full when you come in to apply, you may be added to the waitlist at the time you submit your application package. There are a limited number of waitlist opportunities and are organized on a first come, first served basis by the date/time stamp of your application submission.

What happens if a seat becomes available in the class I'm waitlisted for?

If a seat becomes available in class that you are waitlisted for, we will contact waitlisted students in the order of the date/stamp on your application package and we will give you a timeframe to respond by in order to accept the seat. If you don't respond within the timeframe, we will move on to the next person on the waitlist.

Will I be told how many people are ahead of me on the waitlist?

The short answer? No, we don't typically disclose your position on the waitlist. But why, you may ask! How far down the waitlist you are is not an accurate prediction of how likely it is you'll be able to start. You could be #1 on the waitlist, and if everyone on the class roster tightly holds onto their seats and NO seats become available, you wouldn't start. Or you might be the very last person on the waitlist, but if we have a last-minute drop-out and everyone on the waitlist declines the seat because it's too short notice or they won't be able to finalize their payment arrangements in time, you might be offered a seat to start class this enrollment period (*as long as your payment arrangements can be finalized in time*)! We don't want to unrealistically get your hopes up OR discourage you about your chance of starting.

What should I do about financial aid during my time on the waitlist?

If you're planning on using financial aid or military benefits, make sure you have submitted your FAFSA and confirmed your benefits, if possible. If a seat becomes available, you may be notified as late as 1-3 weeks before the class starts (which is the most likely time that seats become available due to last-minute drops). Your funding arrangements must be finalized or able to be finalized prior to the class start date (unless otherwise approved by the Director of Education) and you will be given deadline to accept the seat. If a seat does become available within 1-3 weeks prior to class start, unfortunately you may not be given much notice or time to make a decision if a seat becomes available and is offered to you, and if your payment arrangements fall through before the class start date, your seat offer may be withdrawn.

Can I be on multiple waitlists to increase my chances of beginning class this enrollment period?

You may only waitlist for one class schedule at a time and you will not be automatically reserved a seat in another class schedule.

Priority Registration: What if no seats become available while I'm on the waitlist?

A priority registration period is available to applicants from the previous enrollment period who have a valid application package on file who have been waitlisted. To take advantage of the priority registration period (if applicable), you will need to contact the Registration Department at registration@chrism.edu once the priority registration period has opened. Resuming the enrollment process is subject to class schedule availability and is considered first come, first served based on the date/time stamp of your email notifying Registration that you wish to resume enrollment. If you are unable to take advantage of priority registration period, you may still resume your enrollment process with all other applicants during the open enrollment period.

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FAFSA HELPFUL HINTS & MISTAKES TO AVOID

✓ **DO Check Your Email Regularly!**

If we need information from you or you need to make corrections, we will email you to notify you what you have to do. It's important to check your email frequently as that's the primary way we communicate with you!

If you're not responding to our emails and not moving through the enrollment process, you may receive an enrollment deadline and forfeit your seat in the class. We hate giving deadlines, it's one of our least favorite parts of the job! We want to move you through the enrollment process as quickly and smoothly as possible. Checking your email regularly helps us help you!

✓ **DO Submit your FAFSA early!**

It takes 3-5 business days for FAFSA's to be transmitted to the school whether you're submitting this FAFSA award year application to the school for the first time or you've already submitted your FAFSA and just need to make a correction. Any time a FAFSA is processed, you may be selected for a process called verification. This is nothing to be concerned about! It just means there's additional paperwork to be processed before we can calculate your financial aid. Verification can take several weeks (or even months!) depending on the documents needed. Your financial aid administrator will let you know what documents you need to provide.

The number one mistake you want to avoid is waiting too long to complete your FAFSA! If we don't have enough time to receive your FAFSA and/or process verification before class starts, you may not be able to start class or accept a seat that has opened up.

● **When Filling Out the FAFSA Application, DON'T SELECT:**

- In the Student Information Section for the questions, "Certificate you will be working on?" or "College Grade Level?", DON'T SELECT:
 - "Continuing graduate/ professional or beyond"

Some students see "professional" and think because you're starting in the Professional Esthetics program, this is the option you should select. This is not the case!

For "College degree or certificate you will be working on when you begin the school year":

- ✓ **DO Select Certificate/diploma (occupational/technical/education program of less than 2 yr.)**

For "College grade level you will be when you begin the school year":

- ✓ **DO Select either:**
 - "Never attended college before" **OR**

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- “Attended College before/1st Year”

✓ **When filling out the FAFSA, DO Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) in your FAFSA (if possible) and Hold Onto/Request Those Tax Documents!**

Not everyone is a candidate to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (for instance, if your address/SSN doesn't match up, you amended your taxes, or your marital status changed). But if you are a candidate, definitely use that IRS Data Retrieval Tool! It's more accurate, speeds up your time filling out the FAFSA, reduces your chances of getting selected for verification, and makes the verification process go much quicker if you DO get selected for verification. If you're a dependent student, the same goes for your parent's tax return information, too! Talk about win-win!

Another helpful hint to prepare for the possibility of verification is to visit <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript> and either use this link to order your tax return transcripts in the mail as soon as you submit your FAFSA or make an online IRS account, if you are eligible to create an account! Just like with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, unfortunately, not everyone is a candidate to create an online account. If you end up getting selected for verification and you're unable to use the IRS DRT or we request W2 statements from you, having an irs.gov account or having already requested your tax transcripts in the mail early will make your verification process a breeze! (For all you dependent students out there, the same tips are also relevant for your parent's tax return information.)

✓ **DO Provide us with Requested Documents as Soon as Possible!**

If you've been selected for verification, the most frequently requested documents are tax return transcripts from the IRS, W2 statements, high school diploma/transcript/GED, and valid, government-issued ID. We may request additional documents throughout the verification process (and sometimes it's a back-and-forth process where we'll make document requests from you on multiple occasions). Verifications can take weeks or months depending on how many other students are in verification, the time of year, and how quickly you can provide documents to us and/or make FAFSA corrections. The earlier you're able to provide documents or make corrections, the quicker you'll be able to move through the verification process and onto finding out what your financial aid eligibility is for our program!

✓ **DO Tell us if You've Been Attending Another School!**

You can only receive Pell Grant at one school at a time and there are restrictions on the amount of loans you can receive at one time. If you've been attending another school and you plan on continuing attending, let us know as early as possible so we can calculate your financial aid correctly. If you are awarded too much financial aid, you'll need to return it which may cause you to have an out of pocket balance with the school or even go into loan default if you're unable to return the loan overpayment. We want to avoid that at all costs!

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- If you're withdrawing from another school, **DON'T WAIT** to formally notify them that you're withdrawing

If you've been attending and receiving financial aid at another school and you're planning on withdrawing there and attending our school, promptly notify them that you're planning on withdrawing! When you formally withdraw, the amount of aid you receive at other schools can affect your financial aid at our school! So we need to know as soon as possible whether you've been attending another school.

- If you're no longer interested in attending our school, **DON'T WAIT** to let us know that you're no longer planning on starting!

Sometimes, life happens! And it just may no longer be a good time to start class or you may have found something that works out better for you. We completely understand! If you find yourself in that situation, please let us know so that we can offer your seat to another student who is eager to start their journey into the Esthetics world!

There you have it, folks! Some of our most-common tips and tricks for being an ace at financial aid! Follow these tips and your financial aid process will be like listening to the birds singing while taking a stroll through the park on a warm, spring day under a bright blue sky!

...Ok, it might not be *that* delightful, but it will certainly make your financial aid process go more smoothly and quickly 😊