

Miami Barber Institute Marks Six Years of Changing Lives Through the Art and Craft of Barbering

The milestone reflects the school's continued growth as a respected institution dedicated to quality training, community service, and student success.

MIAMI, FL, UNITED STATES, October 30, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Miami Barber Institute](https://www.MiamiBarberInstitute.edu) (MBI), a licensed and accredited institution dedicated to professional barber education, celebrates its sixth anniversary, commemorating six years of service, skill development, and community empowerment across South Florida.

Since opening its doors in 2019, Miami Barber Institute has become a respected leader in vocational education, helping more than 600 graduates earn their state licenses, open barbershops, and turn their creativity into opportunities. What began as a local school has evolved into a hub of skill, confidence, and community, where barbering is taught not only as a trade but as a lifelong vocation.

"Barbering restores more than appearance, it restores confidence," said Luis Castillo, President of Miami Barber Institute. "Every student who comes here learns that behind every haircut, there's a story. A haircut can lift someone's spirit, change their outlook, and open new doors. That's the heart of what we do."

Two Programs, One Vision



Miami Barber Institute – Celebrating 6 Years of Excellence in Barbering Education and Training.



Students at Miami Barber Institute practice hands-on training in the school's professional barbershop, building skill and confidence for real careers.

Miami Barber Institute offers two state-licensed barber programs: the [Barber Program and the Restricted Barber Program](#), both designed to prepare students for professional licensure under the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR), specifically the Board of Barbers.

Both programs are offered in a hybrid format, blending online coursework through the CIMA by Milady learning platform with hands-on, in-person training at MBI's professional barbershop.

The Barber Program provides a comprehensive foundation in the craft, including haircutting, shaving, styling, and chemical services, preparing students to earn the full Florida Barber License. The Restricted Barber Program focuses on core haircutting, shaving, and grooming skills required for the Florida Restricted Barber License.

Each pathway emphasizes technical mastery, sanitation, customer service, and entrepreneurship, equipping graduates with the professionalism and confidence to succeed in an evolving grooming industry.

"We meet students where they are," Castillo explained. "Our hybrid programs make it possible for working adults and parents to pursue their education without giving up their responsibilities. What matters most is that they all receive the same level of excellence and personal attention."

Accredited, Respected, and Expanding Access

MBI is licensed by the Florida Department of Education, Commission for Independent Education (CIE License #7277) and accredited by the Council on Occupational Education (COE), a distinction that ensures continuous compliance with national standards of quality and accountability.

This accreditation also makes MBI students eligible for [Federal Financial Aid](#) and Veterans' benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill®, creating real access to education for individuals who might otherwise be unable to pursue their professional goals.

"Accreditation, Financial Aid, and Veterans' benefits are not just milestones, they're lifelines," Castillo noted. "They allow people from all backgrounds to take that first step toward stability, creativity, and independence."

A Culture of Giving Back

Service is woven into MBI's identity. Through the Free Haircut Program, students offer complimentary services to the community while developing their technical and interpersonal skills. The initiative partners with local schools, nonprofits, and veterans' organizations, turning every haircut into an act of care and connection.

“When a student gives a free haircut to a child, a veteran, or someone looking for work, they understand what this profession truly means,” Castillo said. “They see that a barber’s chair is more than a workstation—it’s a place of trust, dignity, and transformation.”

Looking Ahead

Six years after its founding, Miami Barber Institute stands as a model of modern vocational education—bilingual, hybrid, accredited, and community-driven. Its graduates reflect the cultural mosaic of Miami—Hispanic, African American, Haitian, and others—united by a shared commitment to excellence and service.

As MBI enters its seventh year, the institute continues to expand hybrid learning opportunities, strengthen industry partnerships, and prepare the next generation of professionals dedicated to uplifting others through their craft.

“Our success isn’t measured in years—it’s measured in lives changed,” Castillo reflected. “Every graduate, every handshake, every smile in the mirror reminds us why we started. And we’re just getting started.”

About Miami Barber Institute

Miami Barber Institute (MBI) is a licensed and accredited barber school located in Miami, Florida. Since 2019, MBI has offered bilingual hybrid programs, preparing students for licensure under the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR), specifically the Barbers’ Board. With over 600 graduates, MBI is recognized for its commitment to educational excellence, community service, and accessibility through Financial Aid and Veterans’ programs.

For more information about enrollment, financial aid, or upcoming class start dates, visit www.miamibarberinstitute.edu or call 786-604-0800.

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