

I am a licensed Esthetician and educator for 24 years. My esthetics only school teaches hands on of most all devices allowed by the standard license and is one of a few schools in Oregon that does. It sets our students ahead of the schools that do not teach hands on with devices. My main focus in my private practice is working with health-challenged individuals, specifically cancer patients. With that being said, all oncologists I have worked with recommend and encourage the use of LED to help heal the side effects of treatments for their cancer patients.

I was on the RAC for discussion of the Advanced Esthetics Certification and found it was not for the advancement of Esthetics, but to allow practicing estheticians to continue to use lasers. This certification has absolutely NOTHING to do with esthetics, just an attempt to segregate the profession. Oregon is the only state that requires you to be an esthetician to use laser devices, when in fact, they are nothing more than laser technicians and the two are not synonymous. As one educator stated at the meeting in Salem, 2020, the training made her a laser tech not a better esthetician.

These devices have been used by estheticians for decades and have created no harm with proper training, unlike lasers. If these devices are taken out of the standard esthetics practice, our industry will suffer a huge financial crisis and reduce the integrity of our profession to "cream & steam", and the demise of my private career school and others like mine! Only the happy homemaker will be able to purchase and use these devices. What's next -- towel cabinets and mag lights?

How can a slight minority have control over the majority purely for financial gain??? Abolish the CAE and return them to laser techs! Let the Licensed Estheticians do what they have been doing for years.