

Level 2 Barbering

Why choose this course?

Male grooming is one of the fastest growing industries in the hairdressing sector. This qualification has been specifically designed for the 16-19 age group and will prepare learners for employment as a junior barber.

This qualification includes all the required elements to work effectively as a junior barber including: health and safety; client consultation; shampooing and conditioning hair; basic haircuts; blow-dry and finishing and cutting facial hair to shape. Learners will also develop their understanding and skills by selecting a number of specialist units which include creating basic patterns in hair and promoting products and services to clients.

What will I learn?

Your lessons will be held in a professional commercial salon environment where you will practice your newly acquired skills on training heads in preparation for client services. You will be provided with opportunities to research and investigate the history of barbering and the importance it plays in hair fashion today. As well as learning the skills and knowledge to enable you to cut and style a variety of industry based commercial looks, you will learn how to analyse the hair and skin structure and adapt your communication techniques to meet a variety of needs.

Assessment Arrangements

Your achievement in this qualification is dependent upon excellent attendance, punctuality and effort. You will study in a friendly atmosphere, using a variety of assessment methods:

- Most of the assessment is completed through practical observations of skills and techniques and this will be carried out throughout all of your units, as you continuously strive to work towards a competent level within your services.
- You will be assessed regularly on written theory work that may be conducted within the class or as a homework activity and feedback will be continuously provided on your progress. You also will be assessed regularly on services terminology.
- Your performance will be reviewed during 1:1 sessions with your personal tutor.
- Mock examinations will also be undertaken on each unit throughout your course.

Information & Support

We encourage you to practice your services away from College where possible and to utilise the online resources provided by the College for guidance. In addition, we expect you to conduct your own research during set home study activities in relation to completion of assignments. However, we will also offer you opportunities to conduct this research at College. You will need salon uniform and specific equipment; full advice will be given on these before the start of your course.

Where will it take me?

Career opportunities as a junior barber exist in a variety of contexts, including:

- Commercial barber shop/salons
- Work in barber shop/salons
- Independent/self-employed/mobile/home-based settings
- Product manufacturing and training
- Television, film, theatre and media
- Armed services

- HM prison service
- Cruise liners
- Hospitals/care homes
- Travel/ working abroad

Whilst this qualification's primary purpose is to prepare learners for employment as a junior barber, learners often choose to further develop their knowledge and skills by undertaking a Technical Level qualification in barbering at Level 3, these include:

- VTCT Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Barbering

Additional Information

A one day a week work placement is a mandatory requirement for this course. It must equate to 45 days or 315 hours.

Awarding Body

VTCT

What will I need?

GCSE grade 4 in four subjects with one being in English or Maths.