

Level 2 Diploma in Ladies Hairdressing

If you are interested in having a rewarding career within the hairdressing industry and enjoy meeting people, then this is the course for you. You will learn how to create a variety of haircuts, colouring effects and styling techniques in line with current trends. You will learn the importance of having excellent employability skills such as, communication, personal presentation, time keeping, personal development, flexibility, commitment and how it impacts on your own career path.

Why choose this course?

You will start off by learning the basic hairdressing techniques that are the foundation of becoming a successful hairdresser. Your lessons will be held in a professional commercial salon environment, where you will practise your new skills on training heads in preparation for client services. You will be provided with opportunities to research and investigate the history of hairdressing and the importance it plays in today's hair fashions.

Then, you will move on to learn how to analyse the hair and skin structure. Why is some hair curly? Why do we all have different coloured hair? Does everybody's hair grow at the same rate? You will explore these processes and how and why it all happens.

During the course, you have the opportunity to develop and research your understanding and knowledge on all aspects of hairdressing through practical and written work. You will discover the importance of English and Maths skills and the important role they play in your everyday life, from timing services, mixing and measuring chemicals, reading manufacturer's instructions and so on. You will look at how to adapt your communication techniques to meet a variety of social and cultural needs.

This is a qualification that has been specifically designed to develop your practical skills in: the creative art of cutting and dressing women's hair; how to provide effective shampooing and conditioning services; the artistic skill of colouring and lightening hair; and how to provide a good consultation service for your clients.

What will I learn?

There are 7 mandatory units that make up part of the qualification structure with a minimum of 3 units to be undertaken from the optional units.

Mandatory Units

Working in the Hair Industry - Through this unit you will develop a sound knowledge of how the hairdressing industry works. You will research the types of services, roles and responsibilities of staff, available career opportunities, legislation that governs the hair industry, good working practices, employment rights and responsibilities of staff.

Health and Safety – You will increase your understanding of health and safety and its importance in the salon in which you work. You will develop the ability to carry out a simple risk analysis, recognise a hazard, responsibly deal with the hazards you have found and follow safe and hygienic working practices. You will also need to be able to locate firefighting equipment, first aid resources and have an awareness of fire, emergency and evacuation procedures.

Client Consultation – You will develop the ability to provide an effective consultation and advisory service for your clients. Being able to identify the capability of your client's hair will allow you to make recommendations based on questioning, observation and test results. You will learn how to deal with influencing factors like the client's previous history of their hair, contra-indications, skin and scalp disorders, their lifestyle, and commitment to the service and cost involved, which all impact on the services you suggest.

Shampoo and Condition the Hair and Scalp – The aim of this unit is to develop your skills in shampooing, conditioning and treating the hair and scalp using a variety of products and massage techniques. Being able to identify the condition of your client's hair, skin and scalp will determine which products and massage techniques to use.

You will develop a sound knowledge of shampooing and conditioning products which will enable you to balance your client's hair and scalp and provide good aftercare advice.

Cutting – You will develop your skills in order to create a variety of basic looks for women using club cutting, freehand and scissor-over-comb techniques. Using these cutting techniques you will demonstrate that you can produce a variety of haircuts on both straight and curly hair.

Colour and Lighten Hair – The aim of this unit is to develop your skills to change hair colour using semi-permanent, quasi-permanent, permanent and lightening products. The use of a variety of colouring techniques such as full head, regrowth and highlighting and/or low-lighting effects provide the basis for all hair services at Level 2. You must develop the ability to take into account a variety of factors and contra-indications that your client may present with.

The Art of Dressing Hair - The aim of this unit is to develop the creative skill of styling, dressing and finishing hair. You will learn how to identify the capability of your client's hair which will allow you to choose from a range of products, tools and equipment to complete the look. You will need to demonstrate the ability to blow dry, set, put up hair and finish your client's hair using heated styling equipment.

Optional Units

You will have the opportunity to enhance and develop your hairdressing practical skills by choosing from the following units:

Perm and neutralise hair

Create an image based on a theme within the hair and beauty sector

The art of colouring hair

Salon reception duties

Assessment Arrangements

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

You will be assessed regularly on written assignment work that is conducted as homework.

The practical skills that you learn and develop over the year will be formally assessed in a commercial salon environment on paying clients. Discussions and presentations are a vital part of our assessment process and you will be expected to contribute to those.

You will review your own performance in 1:1 sessions with your tutor.

You will undertake an online exam for each of the units you are undertaking as part of your qualification.

You will be formally examined on each unit that you study to test your practical skills and theory knowledge of the subject.

Information & Support

We encourage all students to read widely and conduct their own research into the ever changing world of the hairdressing industry. You will be supported in your work throughout your course to enable you to be productive and help you track your progression.

Where will it take me?

Opportunities are many and varied for the enterprising hairdresser, from small salons to high fashion large city salons, ocean liners, television, and theatre. Progression onto Level 3 Hairdressing would enable you to start your own business or franchise, while Higher Education courses could qualify you for teaching, training or assessing posts.

What do I need?

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

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

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