

Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing

If you enjoy learning about hairdressing and would like to develop your skills to an advanced level with learning about how to correct colour and learn about advanced cutting techniques, then the Technical Level 3 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing will stretch and challenge you by providing the knowledge and practical skills for you to learn and develop, to take forward into any area of the hairdressing industry. It will also help you to develop your skills in consultation with your client and communication within the salon environment.

The VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing is a technical level qualification aimed at learners who are in a full-time Level 3 education programme and wish to pursue a career as an employed and/or self-employed hairdresser/stylist.

Why choose this course?

You'll start off by learning the techniques and science for these advanced techniques. You will then have the opportunity to practice all of your new skills on training heads before carrying out the chosen techniques on clients in the salon.

Then, you'll start to develop, stretch and challenge your understanding and skills by working to meet clients' many different requirements. This will build your confidence and employability skills to enable you to find employment within the hairdressing industry.

You'll have the opportunity to research and develop and stretch your understanding of the knowledge behind all techniques, then showing your understanding through written work to support your practical skills to show your competence for each technique.

To support your college training, you'll be able to gain industrial experience by attending a hairdressing salon of your choice one day per week. You'll be able to learn about more techniques and methods, alongside gaining confidence in client care and communication while developing your employability skills.

What will I learn?

These are the 6 units you will have the opportunity to study in both practical and theory:

Health and safety in the salon - This unit will enable you to develop your understanding of health and safety at work. You will improve your knowledge of the measures designed to protect the health and safety of people at work and that of others, such as visitors and members of the public. You will also develop your supervisory skills and be able to manage a safe and hygienic work environment that meets with the necessary regulations and legislation requirements.

Hairdressing consultation - This unit is about understanding the principles of client care and how to provide professional consultations when carrying out hairdressing services. You will develop the knowledge and skills required to prepare for and carry out consultations, demonstrating high standards of client care. You will develop your understanding of the necessary communication skills and know how to identify and communicate realistic and appropriate service objectives.

Hair cutting services - This unit will enable you to develop your haircutting skills to provide further haircutting services using a range of different, contemporary haircutting techniques that are personalised for each client.

Hair colouring services - This unit is about providing hair colouring services. You will be able to combine, adapt and personalise a range of hair colouring techniques to achieve a variety of looks that compliment a hair style. You will be able to restore depth and tone of colour and neutralise unwanted colour tones.

Setting and dressing services - This unit is about further developing your knowledge and skills to prepare for and provide a professional and commercial finished service. You will use a variety of conventional and non-conventional setting and dressing techniques to produce innovative, fashionable, creative, personalised looks.

Blow-drying and finishing services - This unit is about providing blow-drying and finishing services for clients to produce a completed look on different hair lengths, textures and styles following other salon services. You will use a range of products, tools, electrical equipment and techniques to provide the finishing service. Learners will develop the knowledge and skills to prepare for and provide a professional and commercial finished service to the hair.

Throughout this qualification, you will develop your knowledge and understanding of relevant anatomy and physiology and health and safety. You will also develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to consult with clients, provide a range of cutting and colouring services, and set, dress and finish the hair. In parallel, you will develop your communication and customer service skills, awareness of environmental sustainability and commercial skills, all of which are valued highly by employers. Problem solving and research skills will also be developed.

Assessment Arrangements

In addition to completing mandatory units, you are required to complete one optional unit.

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. The practical skills that you learn and develop over the year will be formally assessed in a commercial salon environment on paying clients, through a formal grading assessments.

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 hairdressing qualification.

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 hairdressing terminology.

Your performance will be reviewed during 1:1 sessions with your personal tutor.

Mock examinations will also be undertaken on each unit throughout the course in advance of your final written exams.

You will complete a final synoptic exam towards the end of the programme to test your practical competence and your knowledge and understanding of the subject.

Grading

All units in this qualification are graded Fail/Pass/Merit/Distinction/Distinction * by:

Externally set and internally marked, graded practical assessments through observation

Externally set and marked online examinations

Externally set and internally marked graded synoptic assessment through observation

Information & Support

We encourage all students to read widely and conduct their own research into the hairdressing industry as a whole and individual techniques for fine detail. You'll 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?

Learners who achieve this qualification are eligible to become a State Registered Hairdresser (SRH) with The Hair Council. As a senior hairdresser/stylist, learners could progress directly into employment in a variety of contexts, which include:

- commercial salons
- specialist African type hair salons
- independent/self-employed/mobile/home-based settings
- television, film, theatre and media
- armed services
- HM prison service
- cruise liners
- hospitals/care homes

Whilst the primary purpose of this qualification is to prepare learners for employment, learners may choose to develop their knowledge and skills further by completing a specialist qualification at Level 4 in one or more of the following areas:

- salon management
- hair colour correction
- specialist hair and scalp services
- advanced hair styling

What do I need?

Either a full NVQ or VRQ Diploma in Level 2 Hairdressing
4 or C in English or FSK L2 English
4 or C in Maths or FSK L2 Maths

Students must secure a one-day work placement to support their course, it must equate to 45 days or 315 hours.

Additional Information

Advanced Learner Loan

If you are aged 19 or over, you may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover your course fees. For further information please contact: Annabel Aitken on 01872 308193 or email ANNABELA@TRURO-PENWITH.AC.UK

Awarding Body

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