

Women's Hairdressing Diploma L3

Course Overview

Our Hairdressing Diploma level 3 course aims to provide you with a range of specialist practical skills and technical knowledge which will equip you to gain employment or further training within the hairdressing industry. This course has been built to develop your skills further after completing the level 2 course. If you are aged 16 to 18, you will be enrolled on a study programme. This will include retaking GCSEs or undertaking Functional Skills in English and maths if you haven't already achieved a grade 4 or above. You will take part in activities that help you to develop your personal skills, such as building your character and confidence. This will help you to live well and move into your chosen career. If you are 16-19 years old these activities will be timetabled as will work experience and placement. You can also choose to take part in other activities. For other age groups, activities will be tailored to your needs.

What you will learn

This course covers the following units: - Hairdressing consultation services - Cutting - Creatively colour and lighten hair - Creatively style and dress the hair - Hair colour correction - Creative hair design skills - Employer involvement. You will also complete one optional unit that will be decided upon commencement of the course. You will undertake a Learner Employment Achievement Programme (LEAP) which aims to develop your business and communication skills to work in this industry. A minimum of 315 hours of external work placement must also be completed. Employer involvement in the delivery and/or assessment of this qualification is essential for all candidates and will be externally quality assured.

Entry Requirements

Standard entry to this course requires one reference. It is desirable that you can demonstrate 90% attendance. A GCSE in both English and Maths at grade 4 (C) or above is required. A level two qualification in hairdressing is essential to gain access on to the course. Consideration will be given to all applicants over the age of 19, who do not hold formal English and maths qualifications.

How you will be assessed

You will complete regular assessments on each unit delivered and give you the opportunity to showcase the selection of skills, techniques, concepts, theories, and knowledge required to pass the course. The typical assignment brief could require candidates to provide a variety of hairdressing services to a number of clients within a commercially viable time. One assessment is externally set, externally marked and sat under examination conditions. The exam is designed to assess your depth and breadth of understanding across content in the qualification at the end of the period of learning, using a range of question types. Candidates who fail the exam at the first sitting will have one opportunity to re-sit. Optional unit assessments as required. The external assessment will draw from across the mandatory content of the qualification, using a range of shorter questions to confirm breadth of knowledge and understanding. Extended response questions are included, giving you the opportunity to demonstrate higher-level understanding and integration through discussion, analysis and evaluation, and ensuring the assessment can differentiate between 'just able' and higher achieving candidates.

Course Fees

uniform costs: £20.00 Kit costs: £TBC Costs are subject to change

Course Progression

Achievement of this qualification demonstrates to an employer that you have the skills and knowledge of health and safety, customer service and that you have the necessary advanced cutting, styling, colouring and colour correction skills necessary to be employed as a senior stylist. This qualification could lead to a job as a hairdresser working in a hair salon, spa, cruise ship or hotel salon. You could progress onto a level 4 qualification in advanced techniques or salon management.

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website, or if your school uses the Positive Steps @ 16 (PS16) application system please apply through this and speak to your careers advisor if you are unsure. You will need details of your qualifications and employment history, a reference, and a personal statement to complete your application. Once your application has been successfully processed, you will be sent a conditional offer and be invited to a Welcome Event at the College to meet your tutors, learn more about your chosen course of study and tour the facilities. You will then need to confirm your acceptance of the course offered to you.

Course Details

Course Code	P00172
Start Date	08/09/2025
Study Hours	Full Time
Duration	1 year
Campus	Freemen's Park Campus
Level	3

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