

Hairdressing Introductory Diploma L1

Course Overview

The course is an introduction to the hairdressing industry and will provide you with the skills to work as an assistant to a qualified hairdresser. You will learn many new hairdressing skills including developing customer service skills.
 If you are aged 16-18, you will be enrolled on a study programme, which 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 also be required to complete a work experience placement and an employability programme.

What you will learn

The course comprises of 12 units: Introduction to the hair and beauty sector, presenting a professional image in a salon, shampooing and conditioning, colour in the hair and beauty sector, styling women's hair, styling men's hair, plaiting and twisting, create a hair and beauty image, follow health and safety, working with others, Reception duties and the art of dressing hair. You may also take functional skills or GCSE qualifications in English and Maths. You will undertake a programme of study in the Learner Employment Achievement Programme (LEAP), and will need to undertake a minimum of 36 hours of work experience in a hairdressing salon, during the course.

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 1/2 (E/F/G) or above is required.
 Consideration will be given to all applicants over the age of 19, who do not hold formal English and maths qualifications.
 There is a formal interview and a skills test.

Course Fees

Female Uniform: TBC
 Male uniform: TBC
 Kits costs: TBC
 All costs subject to change

Course Progression

You could progress on to either a Hairdressing Technical Certificate in Cutting and Colouring Level 2, Hairdressing Technical Certificate Level 2, Beauty Therapy Technical Certificate Level 2, Media Make-up Artistry Technical Certificate Level 2 or a hairdressing apprenticeship.
 You would be able to work as a hairdressing assistant in a hairdressing salon.

What Happens Next

You apply for your chosen course via UCAS Progress (if your school is subscribed). Alternatively, you can complete the Leicester College application form available on our website. 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	P00169
Start Date	07/09/2026
Study Hours	Full Time
Duration	1 year
Campus	Freemen's Park Campus
Level	1

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