

HAIR AND BEAUTY

Type of Qualification: Level 2 Technical Award in Hair and Beauty Studies

How it is assessed: One externally moderated assignment (60%)
One externally marked exam, sat under exam conditions (40%)
Grading scale is Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction*

Course Overview:

If you enjoy looking back in time to explore changing trends and developments within the hair and beauty sector, find out how science is used to create products, and understand why we create images for business use, then this qualification is for you.

You will study how hair and beauty has developed from ancient times to the present day and develop hair styling, make-up and manicure technical skills to produce your own photographic image. You will explore ethics of product testing, effects of ingredients on hair and skin and how disorders of the hair and skin can impact services.

This qualification has three units:

- Exploring the world of hair and beauty
- Science of hair and beauty
- Design in the hair and beauty sector

The qualification develops the following knowledge, understanding and skills:

- Specific services carried out within the hair and beauty sectors, roles and responsibilities and typical working patterns
- Evolution of hair and beauty from use in ancient times to the mid 90s
- How technological advancements, changes to the economy, and social factors have influenced the sector
- Chemistry of cosmetics and biology related to hair and beauty
- Uses of design and images for business use
- Technical hair styling, make-up and manicure skills.

Post 16 and Career opportunities:

This course will provide a basic introduction to the skills required in the Hair and Beauty industry. The course is particularly suited to those who wish to go onto study Level 2 or Level 3 qualifications in this area at post-16. You would also find the understanding and skills useful to progress to an apprenticeship.

Progression options includes courses such as the City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy/Beauty Consultancy/Hair and Media Make-up **or** City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing/Barbering. You would also find the understanding and skills useful to progress to an apprenticeship.

Key attributes for success on this course are:

Students should have a passion for hair, make-up and beauty treatments and enjoy showing creativity. In addition students will need good research and design skills as this will form a large part of the assessment.

