

Study Programme

Hairdressing (Level 3)

QUALIFICATION

VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE THIS STUDY PROGRAMME?

The VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing is a Technical Qualification aimed at learners aged 16-19 who require a full-time Level 3 education programme and wish to pursue a career as an employed and/or self-employed junior hairdresser/hairstylist. There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification but in order to optimise their chances of success, a learner will ideally hold a Level 2 qualification or equivalent in hairdressing.

Learners who complete this qualification are eligible to become a graduate State Registered Hairdresser (SRH) with The Hairdressing Council.

This qualification has been developed collaboratively with employers, professional associations and key stakeholders in the hairdressing sector. Because of this, the knowledge, skills and competences gained will provide the best possible opportunity for progression into employment.

This qualification is formally supported by the following organisations:

The Hairdressing Council www.haircouncil.org.uk
National Hairdressers' Federation www.nhf.info

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This qualification is based on the national occupational standards for hairdressing and includes all the required elements to work effectively as a senior hairdresser/hairstylist.

Learners must achieve all mandatory units which include:

- Health and safety in the salon
- Hairdressing consultation
- Hair cutting services
- Hair colouring services
- Setting and dressing services
- Blow-drying and finishing services

Throughout this qualification, you will develop their 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 hair.

In parallel, you will develop your communication and customer service skills, their awareness of environmental sustainability and their commercial skills, all of which are valued highly by employers. Problem solving and research skills will also be developed.

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

A variety of optional units are available which include (this list is not exhaustive): colour correction services, hair and scalp treatments, hair extension services, men's cutting services, occasion hair services, managing a commercial column and social media marketing.

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

Career opportunities as a hairdresser/stylist exist in a variety of contexts, including:

- Commercial hair salons
- Specialist African type hair salons
- Independent/self-employed/mobile/home-based settings
- Product manufacturing and training
- Television, film, theatre and media
- Armed services
- HM prison service
- Cruise liners

Whilst this qualification's primary purpose is to prepare learners for employment as a hairdresser/stylist, learners may choose to further develop their knowledge further by completing a specialist qualification at Level 4 in one of more of the following areas: salon management, hair colour correction, specialist hair and scalp services, advanced hair styling.

WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED OF ME?

- A professional attitude
- Professional appearance at all times
- Appreciation of a working environment
- Punctual and reliable with your attendance as you will be working with the general public
- Plan your service portfolio with your teacher taking a holistic view to your development
- Keep you service portfolio up to date and presented to a high standard
- Keep a record of your progress and formative feedback.
- Talk to your teachers about your ideas and how to achieve the best results
- Present your work in a suitable format according to the purpose and the audience
- Evaluate your work and make suggestions for improvement
- Meet deadlines
- Keep a record of the work you have completed, including the grades and points you have been awarded

WHO WILL BE INVOLVED?

The subject teachers and assessors are responsible for planning lessons, preparing resources, assessing work and making sure that the units are completed on time.

Internal assessments will be graded by your teacher/assessor and these assessments checked by the IQA (Internal Quality Assurer) and externally quality assured by VTCT.

External examinations will be marked by VTCT.

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Sixth Form

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least 5 GCSE Grades 9 – 4 or equivalent to include English or Maths.

FURTHER INFORMATION

How will you be assessed?

Learners must complete the assessment requirements below for mandatory units:

Service Portfolio

Learners must produce a formative service portfolio that includes evidence of practical service carried out with proficiency. Whilst the pre-requisite portfolio does not contribute to the qualification grade, it serves as a valuable 'assessment for learning' tool to prepare learners for summative assessments.

Graded Practical Assessment

Learners must carry out a complete service on a client. The service will be observed, marked and graded at either Fail, Pass, Merit, or Distinction by centre assessors. Graded practical assessment must take place in a real or realistic working environment. These account for 50% of the overall qualification grade.

External Examinations

External examinations will test knowledge and understanding from across the whole vocational area of the mandatory units. They are set and marked by VTCT and will contribute to the overall qualification grade. This accounts for 30% of the overall qualification grade.

Graded Synoptic Assessment

Learners will be required to undertake a graded synoptic assessment during which they will carry out a range of services from across all the mandatory units. Assessment coverage may vary each year and all services will be covered over time. VTCT will set the brief and grading descriptors, although the assessment will be marked and graded by centre staff and externally quality assured by VTCT. The graded synoptic assessment will contribute to the overall grade of the qualification. This accounts for 20% of the overall qualification grade.

The external examinations and the graded synoptic assessment should be carried out in the final third of the learner's completion period of learning. Each mandatory unit will attract an overall grade of either Pass, Merit or Distinction.