

# 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 students 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 student will ideally hold a Level 2 qualification or equivalent in hairdressing.

Students 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](http://www.haircouncil.org.uk)

National Hairdressers' Federation [www.nhf.info](http://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.

All mandatory units must be passed, 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, students will develop their knowledge and understanding of relevant anatomy, physiology and health and safety. Students will 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, students will develop their 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, students are required to complete one optional unit.

A variety of optional units are available which include: 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.

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### 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 qualifications primary purpose is to prepare students for employment as a hairdresser/stylist, students 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 in terms of attendance as students will be working with the general public
- To plan a service portfolio to a holistic view to development.
- Keep a service portfolio up to date and presented to a high standard
- Keep a record of progress and formative feedback
- Talk to teachers about ideas and how to achieve the best results
- Present work in a suitable format according to the purpose and the audience
- Evaluate personal work and make suggestions for improvement
- Meet deadlines
- Keep a record of the work completed, including the grades and points 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 teachers/assessors and these assessments are checked by the IQA (Internal Quality Assurer) and externally quality assured by VTCT.
- External examinations will be marked by VTCT.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

### How will you be assessed?

Students must complete the assessment requirements below for mandatory units:

#### Service Portfolio

Students 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 students for summative assessments.

#### Graded Practical Assessment

Students must carry out a complete service on a client. The service will be observed, marked and graded at 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

Students 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 will be carried out in the final third of the student's completion period of learning. Each mandatory unit will attract an overall grade of Pass, Merit or Distinction.