

Beauty and Complementary Therapies



With industry-standard facilities and top-notch tuition, our Beauty and Complementary Therapies department is totally geared to equipping you with the skills and knowledge needed for a successful career in this exciting sector.

Whether you want to run your own beauty salon, or become a specialised beauty therapist or make-up artist, we can help you achieve your dreams.

You can learn in a professional environment at our fully equipped salons, have access to the latest products on the market and learn classical make-up techniques, special effects, body and facial treatments and more.

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Gitta Jeram, Level 3 Beauty Therapy



It was always Gitta's dream to be a Beautician, so after working as a Jewellery Sales Assistant and Machine Operator at GE lighting, she decided to pursue this dream and enrolled on the NVQ level 2 in Beauty Therapy course, progressing on to level 3.

Gitta has gained experience of working in the College salon, Serenity and voluntarily in schools and hospitals giving mini manicures. She would like to work as a mobile beautician when she has gained more experience.

She said: "I always wanted to be a Beautician and now my dream is coming true."



Level 2 Diploma: Nail Technology Enhancement

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A9658
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 2

What's it all about?

This course is intended for you if you have artistic or creative flair and an interest in the nail industry. It covers the essential skills required by a technician.

What does it involve?

The course is made up of the following modules:

- health and safety
- promote services or products
- salon reception duties
- develop and maintain effectiveness at work
- manicure services
- pedicure services
- nail art services
- apply and maintain nail enhancement
- human anatomy and physiology
- group tutorial
- individual tutorial
- functional skills.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Functional Skills English at level 1 or equivalent, 80% attendance and two positive references.

What can I do afterwards?

You can progress to a level 3 course providing Functional Skills is achieved at level 2 in English. Employment into the beauty Industry as a nail technician or freelance.

What days and times will I be in College?

16 hours per week over 36 weeks, Monday to Friday.

Are there any other things I need to know?

Exhibitions and shows will be offered during the course.

NVQ Level 2: Beauty Therapy

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A9665
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 2

What's it all about?

This course is for those who wish to gain a full level 2 qualification in Beauty Therapy. Commitment to study is essential and you must be prepared to have all treatments performed on you.

What does it involve?

The course is made up of the following modules:

- manicure
- pedicure
- lash and brow tinting
- waxing
- facial treatments
- makeup
- threading and head massage.

Associated science is studied to support beauty therapy skills.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Functional Skills English at level 1 or equivalent, 80% attendance and two positive references.

What can I do afterwards?

You can progress onto level 2 Hairdressing, level 3 Beauty Therapy or level 3 Hair and Media Make-up. Employment in a beauty salon or in a store on a cosmetic counter. More job opportunities will open up if you complete the NVQ level 3 in Beauty Therapy.

What days and times will I be in College?

17 hours per week.

Are there any other things I need to know?

Enrichment activities are offered and trips to trade shows. There are additional costs for uniform and kit approximately £185.





Level 2 Diploma: Hair and Media Make-up

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A9759
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 2

What's it all about?

This course is for you if you are interested in a career as a make up artist. It focuses on the principles and practical skills required to work in the make-up industry.

What does it involve?

The course is made up of the following modules:

- working in the beauty industry
- health and safety
- client care
- apply make up
- provide eye treatments
- create an image based on a theme
- photographic make up
- body art
- skin tanning
- colour and style hair and make a hair addition.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Functional Skills English at level 1 or equivalent, 80% attendance, two positive references and evidence of creative skill, such as a sketch book or photographic work.

What can I do afterwards?

You can progress into employment as a fashion and photographic make up artist or a make up consultant for a cosmetic house. You will be able to apply for the level 3 in Hair and Media Make-up course.

What days and times will I be in College?

16 hours per week over 36 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

Opportunity to attend the International Make-up Artist Trade Show in London.

Level 3 Diploma: Hair and Media Make-up

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A9758
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

The course is intended for you if you have a keen interest in make-up and the fashion and media industry. The course incorporates all elements of make-up as well as basic elements of dressing hair.

What does it involve?

The course is made up of the following modules:

- health and safety
- creative hairdressing design skills
- face and body art
- fashion and photographic make up
- airbrush make up
- camouflage make up
- media make up
- style and fit postiche.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

- Level 2 Diploma in Make up
- Level 2 Functional Skills in English or GCSE grade A-C
- 80% attendance on previous course
- basic make up certificate or previous experience
- art portfolio or evidence of creative skill
- evidence of work experience
- two positive references.

What can I do afterwards?

Work in the fashion or media make-up industry, as a freelance make-up artist. Opportunities could be in the field of a cosmetic house and theatre productions.

What days and times will I be in College?

16 hours per week over 36 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

Opportunity to attend the International Make-up Artist Trade Show in London.



Level 2 Diploma: Beauty Therapy

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A9762
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 2

What's it all about?

This course is intended for you if you wish to gain a full level 2 qualification in Beauty Therapy. Commitment to study is essential and you must be prepared to have all treatments performed on you.

What does it involve?

The course is made up of the following modules:

- manicure
- pedicure
- lash and brow tinting
- waxing
- facial treatments
- makeup
- threading and head massage.

Associated science is studied to support beauty therapy skills.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Functional Skills English at level 1 or equivalent. 80% attendance and two positive references.

What can I do afterwards?

Progression to the level 3 in Beauty Therapy, or level 3 Massage route.

What days and times will I be in College?

16 hours per week over 36 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

Trips and visits are offered throughout the year. There are additional costs for uniform, shoes, equipment and books.

Level 3 Diploma: Beauty Therapy Techniques

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A9763
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

This course is intended for you if you wish to gain the full level 3 qualification.

What does it involve?

The course is made up of the following modules:

- treating clients using body massage techniques
- electrical treatments for face and skin conditions
- improving body condition using mechanical and electrical treatments
- epilation
- client care
- health and safety
- working in the beauty industry
- promotion of products and related science.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Completion of Beauty Therapy level 2 general or make-up route, Functional Skills English at level 2 or equivalent, 80% attendance and two positive references. Evidence of work experience would be advantageous.

What can I do afterwards?

Employment in salons, health spas, cruise liners, hotels, airlines, sales and distribution, teaching or managerial positions.

What days and times will I be in College?

16 hours per week over 36 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

There are additional costs for uniform, shoes, equipment and books.



Level 3 Diploma: Massage

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A9764
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

This course is designed for therapists wishing to gain hands-on skills within a more holistic environment.

What does it involve?

The course is made up of the following modules:

- monitor procedures to safely control work operations
- promote and sell products
- client care
- provide body massage treatments
- facial electricals
- body electricals
- stone massage
- massage using pre blended oils and human anatomy and physiology.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Completion of Beauty Therapy level 2 general or make-up route, functional skills English at level 2 or equivalent, 80% attendance and two positive references.

What can I do afterwards?

Progression on to a higher education course at college or university (You will require 80 UCAS points if you are wanting to pursue this option). Employment as a Beauty Therapist in a Health Spa, cruise ship or salon. You could own your own beauty business.

What days and times will I be in College?

16 hours per week over 36 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

There are additional costs for kit and uniform.

Foundation Degree: Artistic Make-up and Special Effects

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
UCAS Code: L36 W452
Course Length: Two Years
Qualification Level: 5

What's it all about?

A University level programme to help you secure a career in Artistic Make-up within the Fashion, Beauty and Media industries.

What does it involve?

You will study the following modules:

- fashion/editorial make-up design
- fantasy, theatre and television
- creative styling and postiche 1 and 2
- visual communication
- historical and cultural studies
- human body - ageing, disease, disorder and death
- specialist make-up design 2
- Special FX and prosthetics
- photography techniques
- lens based media studies
- freelance practitioner
- negotiated study.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

GCSE English C or equivalent (without this you will be asked to complete a Literacy test) and 80 UCAS points to include either:

- Level 3 Diploma in Theatrical and Media Make-up
- Level 3 Edexcel National Diploma/GNVQ Adv/AVCE
- A2 qualification in a related subject
- Art and Design Foundation Studies
- A relevant Access to HE course.

We welcome applications from adult and international learners.

What can I do afterwards?

You can "top up" to a honours degree by joining the final year of the BA (Hons) degree in Fashion at Coventry University. You may also apply to other universities to "top up" on related degrees. You may work in fashion, theatre, film/TV or media as a freelance operator, or to seek employment in industry as a technician working with prosthetics for example.

What days and times will I be in College?

19 hours per week over 32 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

A variety of trips to trade shows, competitions and venues will enrich your professional development.



Apprenticeship: Beauty Therapy or Nail Technology

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A0239
Course Length: Two Years
Qualification Level: 2

What's it all about?

This course is for you if you are already employed in a commercial Beauty salon or Nail Bar and wish to gain a qualification in Beauty Therapy or Nail Technology.

What does it involve?

The beauty therapy course includes:

- facial treatments
- make up
- manicure and pedicure
- eye treatments
- waxing.

The nail technology course includes:

- manicure
- pedicure
- silk wrap nails and nail art.

Both courses will include the associated theory, health and safety, customer service and retail skills. Also included are Functional Skills in English and Maths.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

To be able to do this course you must be employed in the Beauty industry for at least 30 hours per week.

There are no formal qualification requirements but Grades A* to C in English and Maths would be desirable. A mature, caring personality with the ability to communicate with people are essential attributes in this profession.

What can I do afterwards?

You may wish to progress onto the NVQ level 3 qualification and achieve the Advanced Apprenticeship in Beauty Therapy or Nail Technology.

What days and times will I be in College?

6 hours a week on a Monday.

Are there any other things I need to know?

There are additional costs for kit and uniform.

Advanced Apprenticeship: Beauty Therapy, Massage or Nail Technology

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A9873
Course Length: Two Years
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

This course is intended for you if you are already in employment as a therapist or nail technician. Employment in a salon or nail bar is essential and you must have a flexible working attitude.

What does it involve?

The routeways available for an advanced apprenticeship are Beauty Therapy, Nail Technology, Massage and Spa. The Advanced Apprenticeship has a strong emphasis on developing advanced practical skills within your chosen career route. You will also complete Functional Skills at level 2 for communications and application of number.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

You must have already achieved a NVQ 2 Beauty therapy or Nail Services or have equivalent experience for the technical units. An 80% attendance work or academic rate is required. You must also have the ability to work at level 2 in English and maths. Two references are required at interview, one of which must be an employment reference.

What can I do afterwards?

You will be able to open your own business, work in supervisory position within a salon, work on the cruise lines or as a technician within the beauty therapy or nail industry.

What days and times will I be in College?

6 hours a week on a Monday.

Are there any other things I need to know?

There are additional costs for kit and uniform.