

Hairdressing



Our hairdressing courses cater for all levels of experience and will provide you with the knowledge and expertise to secure work in a salon or further your career within the industry.

You will learn in a professional environment in our fully-equipped industry standard salons.

As a Wella Centre of Excellence, we have very strong links with industry and are always developing new and exciting courses to keep up-to-date with trends.

Courses in this section

Level 1 Diploma: Hairdressing	105
Level 2 Diploma: Hairdressing	105
Level 2 Diploma: Hairdressing (Progression)	106
Level 3 Diploma: Hairdressing	106
Apprenticeship: Hairdressing or Barbering	107
Advanced Apprenticeship: Hairdressing or Barbering.	107



Jamielee Cooper
Level 1, 2 and 3 Hairdressing



Jamielee was so determined to start the level 1 course in Hairdressing at Leicester College she moved from Birmingham to Leicester. As well as progressing to levels 2 and 3, Jamielee was named the hairdressing and beauty department's learner of the year and won an award for her hard work and dedication.

She combines her study with working at a salon in Leicester and has applied to study at Birmingham University. Jamielee said: "School wasn't for me, but I found hairdressing fascinating. I could watch people having their hair done and not get bored.

"The course gives me the best of both worlds as I learn things at College that I don't at work."



Level 1 Diploma: Hairdressing

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A9645
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 1

What's it all about?

This course give you an introduction to the Hairdressing industry. This is for you if you do not meet the entry requirements of a level 2 course and wish to follow a career in Hairdressing.

What does it involve?

The course covers 12 units: introduction to the hair and beauty sector, presenting a professional image in a salon, shampoo and conditioning, colour in the hair and beauty sector, styling women's hair, styling men's hair, plaiting and twisting, creating a hair and beauty image, following Health and Safety, working with others and the art of dressing hair. Each unit has practical assessments and assignments. Some of the units also have a small test.

You will also gain a qualification in personal and social development and will also take Functional Skills in English, maths and ICT. These will be used to enhance your skills throughout various aspects of the course.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Two GCSEs (or equivalent) at any grade plus Entry level 3 English. Two positive references.

What can I do afterwards?

You can progress onto the level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing or level 2 Beauty Therapy Apprenticeship. You can then progress on to a level 3 courses in Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy or an Advanced Apprenticeship.

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?

Choice of enrichment activities to include trips, trade shows and additional techniques.

Level 2 Diploma: Hairdressing

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: Age 16 to 18: A9643 Age 19+: A9644
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 2

What's it all about?

This course is for you if you have an interest in ladies hairdressing and wish to become a junior stylist.

What does it involve?

Studies will include:

- working in the hair industry
- following health and safety
- client consultation
- shampoo and conditioning services
- promoting products and services
- cutting ladies hair
- perm, colour and lightening hair
- the art of dressing hair
- creating an image
- scalp massage.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

You will need proof of 80% attendance or above, and the ability to communicate effectively. Functional Skills English at level 1 or equivalent and two positive references are also required.

What can I do afterwards?

You can progress to the level 3 Hairdressing course or an Apprenticeship or find work in the industry as a junior stylist, in a Hairdressing salon. More job opportunities can open up if you progress on to level 3 Hairdressing.

What days and times will I be in College?

17 hours per week over 36 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

Choice of enrichment activities to include trips, trade shows and additional techniques.



Level 2 Diploma Hairdressing (Progression)

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A9646
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 2

What's it all about?

This course is for you if you have already completed a level 1 hairdressing course (NVQ1/VRQ Introduction to hairdressing or Salon Services).

What does it involve?

The course covers:

- cutting, colouring, shampooing and conditioning hair
- consultation
- Health and Safety
- positive impressions
- blow drying and setting.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

You will need proof of 80% attendance or above, the ability to communicate effectively, Functional Skills English at level 1 or equivalent and two positive references. You will also need a level 1 Hairdressing qualification or equivalent.

What can I do afterwards?

You can progress onto the level 3 Hairdressing or an Apprenticeship. Alternatively employment in a hairdressing salon or as a freelance stylist. More job opportunities can open up if you complete the level 3 hairdressing qualification.

What days and times will I be in College?

17 hours per week over 36 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

Choice of enrichment activities to include trips, trade shows and additional techniques. You will need to purchase equipment, uniform and shoes.

Level 3 Diploma: Hairdressing

Location: Freeman's Park Campus
Course Code: A9642
Course Length: One Year
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

The course is for you if you have the academic ability to undertake a level 3 programme of study and already have level 2 hairdressing skills and experience.

What does it involve?

This is a ladies hairdressing route and the course covers the following units:

- monitor and maintain health and safety
- consultation
- colour and cutting ladies hair
- style and dress hair
- creative hair designs
- perming and bridal hair
- scalp massage
- promote services and products.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

You must be able to show proof of 80% attendance or above, the ability to communicate effectively, full level 2 hairdressing qualification, Functional Skills English at level 2 or equivalent and two positive references.

What can I do afterwards?

You can progress to a level 4 hairdressing course or a Foundation Degree in hairdressing at University. The course will equip you with the skills to become a stylist in a salon, work freelance or a necessary qualification to teach and assess in this sector.

What days and times will I be in College?

17 hours per week over 36 weeks.

Are there any other things I need to know?

You will be required to undertake a work placement one day a week. Enrichment activities will be available throughout the programme. You will need to purchase equipment, uniform and shoes.



Apprenticeship: Hairdressing or Barbering

Location: Freeman's Park Campus/Workplace
Course Code: A0892
Course Length: Two Years
Qualification Level: 2

What's it all about?

If you are already in full-time employment in a commercial salon and would like to gain an NVQ level 2 in hairdressing or barbering this course is for you.

What does it involve?

You will develop practical skills, study hair theory and the science of hairdressing or barbering. You will attend college on a Monday and then work in a commercial salon for the rest of the week. An allocated college assessor will assess you in the salon on a regular basis and liaise with your employer to ensure you receive the required training. You will also work towards achieving Functional Skills qualifications, which will develop your communication and number skills in the salon.

Are there exams?

Yes, exams and continuous assessment.

What entry qualifications do I need?

Essential attributes are the ability to communicate with all levels of staff and types of clients, appropriate personal presentation, and a willingness to work flexibly. There are no formal exam entry requirements however good GCSE grades in English, maths and a Design topic will be advantageous.

What can I do afterwards?

You can progress to the Advanced Hairdressing Apprenticeship or find work in the industry as a Junior Stylist, in a hairdressing salon or as a freelance stylist.

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?

Choice of enrichment activities to include trips, trade shows and additional techniques.

Advanced Apprenticeship Hairdressing or Barbering

Location: Freeman's Park Campus/Workplace
Course Code: A9871
Course Length: Two Years
Qualification Level: 3

What's it all about?

This course is for you if you are already in employment as a stylist or barber. Employment in a salon is essential and you must have a flexible working attitude.

What does it involve?

The routes available for an advanced apprenticeship are ladies hairdressing and barbering. The Advanced Apprenticeship has a strong emphasis on developing advanced practical skills within your chosen career route. You will also work towards achieving your level 2 Functional Skills which will develop further your communication and number skills in the salon.

Are there exams?

Yes, there will be online tests and practical assessments throughout the course.

What entry qualifications do I need?

You must have already achieved a NVQ level 2 in hairdressing or barbering. An 80% attendance work or academic rate is required. You must also have the ability to work at level 2 in English and Mathematics. 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 hairdressing or barbering 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?

Choice of enrichment activities to include trips, trade shows and additional techniques.