

HAIRDRESSING VRQ Diploma

Subject Area	Qualification	Level	Awarding Body
Hairdressing	VRQ Diploma	Level 2	City & Guilds

Course Summary

The aim of the course is to prepare students for a career in Hairdressing or give progression to the Level 2 Barbering or Level 3 Women's hair. Students will be expected to wear the specified uniform.

How will I be assessed?

The course is made up of 11 units, a split of 9 mandatory and 2 optional units each of which is assessed by a range of methods including written assessments, online tests, assignments and practical activities.

Entry Requirements

Four GCSEs at grade D or above, or a Level One hairdressing qualification.

How much time will I spend on the course?

The timetable will consist of 11 diploma units, group and individual tutorials, Functional Skills, theory, practical, demonstration and cutting lessons. This is usually spread over 3 days.

How is the course taught?

There is a variety of methods including visiting speakers (product knowledge/enrichment week), formal lectures and practical sessions. Students are required to work both individually and as part of a team.

Where is the course taught?

Redditch Campus

Who is this course suitable for?

Anyone with an interest in careers in the hairdressing industry.

What materials do I have to provide?

Learners will need to be prepared with writing materials, hairdressing/head blocks for practical sessions and kit.

What are the mandatory modules or units?

Mandatory Generic:

- Working in the hair industry
- Follow Health & Safety
- Client Consultation
- Shampoo and Condition the scalp
- Promote Products and Services

Mandatory technical:

- Cut women's hair
- Colour and lighten hair
- Perm and neutralise hair
- The art of dressing hair

Optional Units

- Create an image based on a theme within the hair and beauty sector
- Salon Reception duties

What can I do after this course?

Students achieving the full qualification may progress onto level 2 Barbering or Level 3 Women's Hair (subject to successful interview). Students may also choose to progress to work-based training or employment.

Are there any additional costs or specialist equipment required?

Students will be required to provide uniform at a cost of no more than £180. Full details will be available from Hairdressing staff at your course induction.

*You may be able to get help with the costs from the College's Learner Support Fund. More details are available from the Student Advice Guidance and Support team (01527) 572691.

What careers would this course be useful for?

The knowledge and experience developed within the course can be useful when seeking employment in Hairdressing.

How do I apply/join this course?

You first need to complete an application form. You can find a form in the back of the Prospectus or you can call our Information Centre on (01527) 570020 and they will send you a form in the post. Alternatively you can complete the form on-line by visiting the College's website www.ne-worcs.ac.uk.

Once we have your form we will invite you to come into College and meet with a member of our teaching Team so you can ask any other questions you have. Usually at this meeting we will either offer you a place on the course you have applied for or, in some cases an alternative course.

Can I get any financial support with the costs of study?

From September 2011, young people who need financial support to help them stay in Education or training after 16 can apply to NEW College for the new 16-19 Bursary Fund.

Those most in need will be eligible for a bursary of £1200 a year. This includes young people in care, care leavers, young people receiving income support and disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance. Young people eligible for income support will include some teenage parents, young people estranged from their families, and those whose parents have died.

Other students facing financial difficulties may also be able to claim a bursary to help with costs of transport, food, equipment or other course-related costs.