

# HAIRDRESSING & BEAUTY VRQ Diploma

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## Course Summary

This programme has been designed to equip individuals with knowledge, understanding and practical skills required for employment in the Hair and Beauty Therapy industries. It also provides students with essential basic technical, communication, numeracy and IT skills which will give access to a variety of career options.

## How will I be assessed?

By a combination of practical, oral and written assessments that are continuous throughout the course and include producing a portfolio of evidence. Targets are set by the teaching staff to ensure students achieve within the allocated time.

## Entry Requirements

Four GCSEs at grade D or above and a formal College interview.

## How much time will I spend on the course?

Two years (a third year can be undertaken to achieve a full VRQ Level 3 qualification in either Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy). This is usually spread over 3 days per week.

## 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/beauty 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?

### HAIR

#### 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

### BEAUTY

- Facials
- Waxing
- Manicures and Pedicures
- Lash and Brow Treatments
- Make-up
- Head Massage
- Apply Skin Tanning Techniques
- Anatomy and Physiology

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### What can I do after this course?

Employment in a wide range of careers within the beauty therapy and hairdressing industries e.g. salons, health spas and cruise ships. Alternatively, progression to a wide range of courses within hairdressing, beauty therapy, sports therapy, and holistic therapy.

### Are there any additional costs or specialist equipment required?

Students will be required to provide uniform at a cost of no more than £189.90 including Hair/Beauty Kit and Uniform. Full details will be available from Hairdressing/Beauty 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/Beauty.

### 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](http://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.