Course Information

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COLLEGE

Hairdressing and Barbering

Study Mode: Full Time

Is this course right for me?

If you are passionate about hairdressing, barbering and helping clients look and feel their best, our Hairdressing and Barbering courses provide a pathway from beginner to advanced level.

You will develop the practical skills, technical knowledge and professional behaviours needed to work in salons, barbershops and the wider hair industry. As you progress through the levels, you will learn cutting, colouring, styling and finishing techniques, alongside client consultation, product recommendation, health and safety, and customer care.

Training takes place in our industry-standard salon environment, where you will gain valuable experience working with real clients and develop the confidence needed to succeed in a commercial setting.

You'll also have opportunities to take part in competitions, enrichment activities and specialist workshops to develop your skills and knowledge beyond the core qualification.

Qualifications available

- City & Guilds Level 1 Diploma in Hairdressing
- City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing
- City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Women's and Men's Hairdressing
- City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma in Barbering
- City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing

The qualification level you will be enrolled on will be discussed during your interview and will be based on your qualifications, experience and previous studies.

Entry Requirements

- **Level 1 Hairdressing:** Three or more GCSEs at Grade 2 or above, including English and maths
- **Level 2 Hairdressing:** Four or more GCSEs at Grade 3 or above, including English and maths. A Level 1 Hairdressing qualification is preferred but not essential
- **Level 2 Women's and Men's Hairdressing:** Four or more GCSEs at Grade 3 or above, including English and maths. A Level 1 Hairdressing qualification is preferred but not essential
- **Level 2 Barbering:** Four or more GCSEs at Grade 3 or above, including English and maths. A Level 1 Hairdressing qualification is preferred but not essential
- **Level 3 Hairdressing:** GCSE English and maths at Grade 4 or above and a Level 2 Hairdressing qualification

For all levels, you will also be required to:

- Attend an interview and salon skills assessment with the teaching team
- Demonstrate good attendance, punctuality and a positive attitude to learning
- Show professional behaviour and strong communication skills
- Purchase the required professional kit and college-approved uniform

Learners who have not yet achieved the required GCSE English and maths grades may be required to continue studying these subjects alongside their qualification.

Additional course information

Costs and equipment

Professional kits and uniforms are required to support practical training and assessments.

- **Level 1 Hairdressing:** Hairdressing kit (approximately £180) and college-approved uniform (approximately £50)
- **Level 2 Hairdressing:** Hairdressing kit (approximately £180) and college-approved uniform (approximately £50)
- **Level 2 Women's and Men's Hairdressing:** Hairdressing kit (approximately £180) and college-approved uniform (approximately £50)
- **Level 2 Barbering:** Barbering kit (approximately £180) and college-approved uniform (approximately £50)
- **Level 3 Hairdressing:** Hairdressing kit (approximately £180) and college-approved uniform (approximately £50)

Financial support may be available to help cover some of these costs for eligible learners.

What will I learn?

Depending on your chosen level, you may study:

- Client consultation techniques
- Salon reception duties
- Professional image and salon etiquette
- Shampooing and conditioning treatments
- Hair cutting techniques
- Men’s and women’s hair styling
- Barbering and facial hair services
- Hair colouring and lightening
- Perming and neutralising services
- African-type hair styling and finishing
- Creative styling and dressing hair
- Colour correction techniques
- Product promotion and retailing
- Health, safety and hygiene in the salon
- Working effectively within the hairdressing industry

Work experience

Learners are expected to gain practical industry experience throughout their studies. Depending on the level studied, this may include:

- Working with paying clients in the college’s commercial salons
- Assisting stylists and salon professionals
- Completing a minimum of 30 hours of work experience
- Securing an industry placement with support from the college

Enrichment opportunities

To enhance your learning and employability, you may have opportunities to participate in:

- Industry competitions
- Masterclasses and demonstrations
- Creative styling workshops
- Hair extension techniques
- Wedding and occasion hair styling
- Industry guest speakers and events

What skills will I gain?

By studying a hairdressing or barbering qualification you will:

- Develop practical cutting, colouring and styling skills
- Learn professional barbering techniques
- Build confidence working with a wide range of clients
- Develop client consultation and customer care skills
- Improve communication and teamwork skills
- Learn how to recommend and retail professional products
- Develop an understanding of current industry trends
- Gain knowledge of health and safety requirements
- Build creativity and attention to detail
- Prepare for employment, apprenticeships or further study within the hair industry

How will I be assessed?

During your course you will be assessed in the following ways:

- Practical observations
- Providing services to clients in a realistic working environment
- Online exams and knowledge tests
- Written assignments and tasks
- Professional discussions and questioning
- Portfolio evidence where required

Assessment methods may vary depending on the level studied and awarding body requirements.

What can I do next?

Successful completion of the course will enable you to progress to:

- A higher-level Hairdressing or Barbering qualification
- A Hairdressing or Barbering apprenticeship
- Specialist industry training
- Employment within the hair and beauty industry
- Higher education study
- Potential career areas include:
- Hairdresser
- Barber
- Senior Stylist
- Colour Technician
- Salon Receptionist
- Salon Supervisor
- Salon Manager
- Bridal and Occasion Hair Specialist
- Hair Extension Specialist
- Self-employed Hairdresser
- Self-employed Barber
- Product Demonstrator or Educator

Delivery

Location: City Learning Quarter

Start Date: 06/09/2027

Day:

Time:

Course Fee:

Course Code: X0048

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