

Beauty & Holistic Therapies

Purpose of the Course

The aim of our beauty course is to give you the knowledge and skills to embark on a fulfilling and varied career in the beauty and the holistic therapies sectors. These sectors are thriving both on island and further afield, giving you lots of opportunities to progress your career in many different directions.

We have worked closely with employers to develop a curriculum that meets local industry needs, as well as giving you opportunities to gain an insight into the sector during work placements.

Personal Development & Skills

This course will not only provide you with the essential technical skills of a beauty therapist, but also you will develop a wide range of skills, behaviours and attitudes to enhance your career opportunities, such as communication skills, team work, problem solving, self-presentation and self management. In addition, you will participate in enrichment activities such as healthy cooking, basic car maintenance, keeping fit etc, and develop a deeper understanding of the society we live in by having the opportunity to explore and discuss current affairs.

Course Duration

Level 2: one year full-time Level 3: one year full-time

Campus

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Course Outline

You will receive the highest level of specialist training to prepare you for entry into this exciting sector. The College has two commercially equipped salons, which are open to the public, giving you vocationally relevant work experience throughout your course. These qualifications are competency based meaning that you will practise your skills until you become professionally competent, alongside studying the theoretical elements of the various treatments.

Level 2 units:

- Reception
- Health & safety
- Products and services
- Effective teamwork
- Facial
- Waxing
- Makeup
- Lash and brow treatments (tinting & shaping)
- Manicure
- Pedicure

Level 3 units:

- Safely control work operations
- Contribute to promotional activity
- Body electrical
- Facial electrical
- Body massage
- Electrical epilation
- Evelash extensions
- Indian head massage



Entry Criteria

Level 2: four GCSEs at grade D/3 or above, across a range of subjects preferably including English language and maths, or successful completion of a Level 1 qualification, or a strong desire to work in the beauty sector for adult learners.*

Level 3: successful completion of the Level 2 programme.

Assessment Method

The courses are competency based qualifications. You will need to demonstrate you are professionally competent and this will be assessed during practical observations. Theory and knowledge will be assessed via online exams and oral and written questioning. You will also develop an online evidence portfolio of your work.

Progression Opportunities

To progress onto the Level 3 course you will need to have successfully completed your Level 2 programme, English language at Level 2 and attained overall attendance greater than 88%.

There is also a variety of employment opportunities for Level 2 and 3 graduates. Most beauty therapists work in salons or spas but there are also opportunities in hotels, medical or sports injuries clinics, fitness and health clubs.

Makeup specialists also work in fashion, media and performing arts or overseas, in holiday resorts or on cruise ships. Some beauty therapists are self-employed, running their own salon.

Additional Learning Support

As part of your learning programme, if you have not yet attained a grade C/4 or equivalent in mathematics and English language, you will be required to study a Functional Skill or GCSE in these subjects.

Some students may require additional support for a number of reasons. At the start of your course you will be asked to complete an initial assessment in order for us to identify any additional needs that you may have. During your course, your personal tutor will be able to guide you on how best to access support.

We can offer the following:

- Progress Coaches
- Learner Support assistance (1:1)
- Learner Support assistance (group)
- Learner Support assistance (drop-ins)
- Specialist ESOL teaching
- Study lab sessions
- In-class support
- Special arrangements for exams

Equality & Diversity

We welcome and celebrate the diversity of our student population. We value and recognise differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion or belief and age. Our aim is to provide a learning environment that is inclusive and we are committed to removing conditions that put anyone at a disadvantage.

*We also welcome applications from adult learners (22 years +) who want to develop their skills to work within the beauty sector. Please contact us for further details.



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