

# Hairdressing

## Why study this course at Riverside College?

At the Centre of Excellence for Hair, Beauty, Nails and Media Makeup we have recently refurbished contemporary facilities, including hairdressing salons, beauty treatment rooms, a nail bar and state of the art media makeup studios. Our extensive links with prestigious employers provide students with employment opportunities, work placements and training on the latest techniques and products. Our partners include MAC Cosmetics, Lime Pictures, Steiner Spa On Board Cruise Liners, Dermalogica, NSI, St Tropez, Clarins and Mood Colours.

The hairdressing course is designed for those who wish to learn the art of hairdressing. It may be your dream to be a celebrity stylist flying between Milan and New York, to build your own business or work in your local salon.

We have 100% pass rate in hairdressing courses and students will have the opportunity to join the College's artistic team to take part in fashion shows and events. Riverside College Centre of Excellence students have been awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the National WorldSkills UK competition held at the NEC Birmingham and also had the opportunity to gain work experience at London Fashion Week and Miss World Competition.

## Are there any costs associated with this course?

The Centre of Excellence is committed to offering full time students a free hairdressing kit and uniform. You will be required to wear full length black trousers and black covered shoes (e.g. ballet pumps).

## Enrichment opportunities

A wide range of enrichment opportunities are available to you including: workshops from major product manufactures, additional qualifications and trips and visits to competition events and hair & beauty fairs.

## How will I be assessed?

Your practical skills will be assessed by ongoing assessments throughout the programme, tests may be required to complete units and check knowledge, also you will have to complete projects and produce a portfolio of your work. As part of this course, you will also be required to work on English and Maths. Hairdressing is a personal service; people skills are also important.



## Centre of Excellence in Hair, Beauty, Nails and Media Makeup

The Centre of Excellence has been created by bringing together some of the most outstanding teachers in this industry. It offers students excellent links with high profile employers, the opportunity to enhance their CV with specialist qualifications in the latest industry trends and take part in extracurricular activities including national competitions including WorldSkills UK.

The Centre of Excellence has a national reputation for exceptional standards in all areas of its training.

## Vita Salons at Riverside College

At Riverside College we have NEW contemporary, fully equipped salons including:

- Three Hairdressing Salons
- Three Beauty Treatment Rooms
- Two Media Makeup Studios
- Nail Bar

Working and training within Vita Salons gives students the opportunity to run their own salon and showcase their skills to the public.

**Vita**  
Hair, Beauty & Nails  
Training salons



## Hairdressing Level 1 Diploma – 1 Year

### Entry Requirements

You require a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 2 including English Language and Maths.

### What will I learn on this course?

The course will cover topics including:

- Shampoo and conditioning hair
- Blow drying and styling
- Dressing long hair
- Plaiting hair
- Basic colouring techniques
- Create a hair and beauty image by taking part in a fashion shoot or fashion show

### What will this course lead on to?

Successful completion of this course could lead on to a Level 2 programme or employment as an assistant in a hairdressing salon.

## Professional Hairdressing Level 2 Diploma – 1 Year

### Entry Requirements

You require a minimum of 4 GCSE's or equivalent at grade 9 – 3 including English Language and Maths.

### What will I learn on this course?

The course will cover topics including:

- Shampooing and conditioning treatments
- A variety of cutting techniques for long and short hair
- Barbering skills
- The art of dressing hair
- Introduction to hair colouring techniques from basic root application to specialist foil work

### What will this course lead on to?

Successful completion of this course can lead to progression onto the Level 3 Hairdressing qualification or employment as a junior stylist within a salon.

## Professional Hairdressing Advanced Technical Diploma – Level 3

### Entry Requirements

Completion of Level 2 in Beauty, plus a minimum of GCSE Grade 9 – 3 including English Language and Maths. You may need to complete a trade test.

### What will I learn on this course?

The course will cover topics including:

- The course consists of written assignments/tasks/tests and practical assessments
- Creative competition work
- Advanced cutting techniques
- The dressing of hair to create "high fashion" designs, and artistic colouring methods
- Organisation of promotional activities and events

### What will this course lead on to?

You could progress to work as a stylist in a salon, salon management, self-employment or a Higher Education Level 4 Hairdressing qualification.



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