

# Nails

## 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.

We have 100% pass rate on all beauty 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.

On the nails course you will learn all the techniques and skills that you require to become a successful nail technician.

## Are there any costs associated with this course?

The Centre of Excellence aims to provide full time students a free manicure & pedicure kit and tunic. You will be required to purchase an artificial nails kit. You will be required to wear full length black trousers and black covered shoes (e.g. ballet pumps). You will have to provide files etc. for your course work and photographic evidence is required for practical assessments.

There is a payment scheme available to help with the purchase of the artificial nail kit. The nail kit is not required until the January term.

## Enrichment opportunities

A wide range of enrichment opportunities are available to you including: workshops from major product manufacturers, trips and visits to competition events, hair & beauty fairs, nail workshops and opportunities to take part in competitions including World Skills UK.

## How will I be assessed?

Your practical skills will be assessed by ongoing assessments throughout the programme. Tests may be required to check your knowledge and complete units. You will also 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. Nails 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.

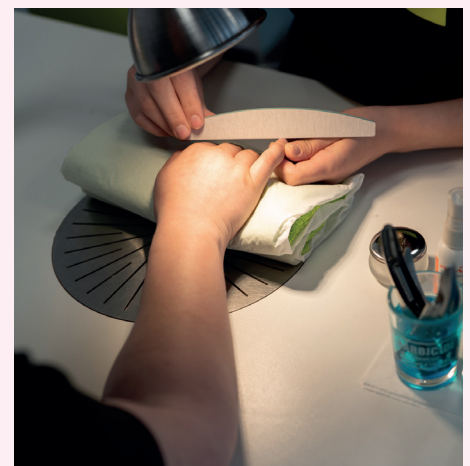
## Vita Salons at Riverside College

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



## Professional Nail Services Level 2 Diploma – 1 Year

### Entry Requirements

You require a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 3 including English Language and Maths.  
Or by progression from Level 1 Beauty Therapy.

### What will I learn on this course?

The course will cover topics including:

- A variety of spa manicure and pedicure techniques
- Applying and maintaining nail enhancements
- Nail art services and gel polish skills
- Health and safety
- Promotion of services and products

### What will this course lead on to?

Successful completion of this course could lead on to a career as a nail technician on cruise ships with Steiner, Nail bars, Spas, Beauty Salons, progression onto the level 3 advanced nail technician qualification.

## Professional Nails Services Advanced Technical Diploma – Level 3

### Entry Requirements

Completion of a Level 2 qualification in Nail Services or industry experience is required.

### What will I learn on this course?

Advanced skills in nail services treatments including:

- Liquid and powder nail enhancements and creative nail structures
- Gel and acrylic nail systems
- Poly dip
- 2D and 3D nail art designing
- Creative nails and techniques

### What will this course lead on to?

Successful completion of this course can lead to a career as a nail technician on cruise ships with Steiner, Nail bars, Spas, Beauty Salons, progression onto a teaching or training qualification (depending on experience) or self-employment.



## Riverside Beauty Student Inspires as Skills Champion

After achieving Gold medal success at the WorldSkills UK finals, Beauty and Nails student Chloe Woolliscroft was invited by WorldSkills to become a Skills Champion, representing both WorldSkills UK and Riverside College at major events and educational visits held all over the UK.



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