

Barbering Level 2

The VTCT (NVQ) Diploma in Barbering Level 2 qualification will allow you to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to advise and consult, and provide a range of cutting and barbering services specifically for men's hair, which includes creating facial hair shapes.

Learners will develop communication and customer service skills, practical skills and commercial skills, all of which are valued highly by employers.

Waltham Forest College is putting sustainability at the heart of everything that we do, and in this course, you will learn about the environment and how salons are working to become sustainable by introducing energy and water saving techniques, sourcing environmentally certified and/or vegan products and by recycling, for example, the use of hair to help repair damaged eco-systems in a large-scale oil spillage.

The course is scheduled over 3-4 days per week and will be a mixture of theory and practical lessons.

The College has links with local industry.

- [Sector Overview](#)

Hair and beauty services in the UK offer a range of opportunities and career paths. The sector is made of local, national and international salons, spas, barber shops and salon chains.

Hair and beauty service providers, including salons and freelancer practitioners, contributed £5.1bn to the UK economy in 2022.

The industry supported 550,000 jobs in 2022 and there are more than 46,000 hair and beauty businesses operating in the UK; 379,000 of these jobs were supported directly by the industry itself, with the hair and beauty services sector supporting direct employment of 209,000 alone. This means the personal care sector represented 1.1% of total jobs in the UK in 2022.

- [Entry Requirements](#)

The entry requirements for this course are:

- 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 (D) or above including maths and English
- Assessment
- Interview

If required, you will study GCSE or Functional Skills English and/or maths alongside your course so you can progress onto the next level.

- [What will I study?](#)

This course consists of the following modules:

- Advise and consult with clients
- Shampoo, condition and treat the hair and scalp
- Develop and maintain your effectiveness at work

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- Cut men's hair using basic techniques
- Cut facial hair to shape using basic techniques
- Dry and finish men's hair
- Create basic outlines and detailing in hair
- [How will I be assessed?](#)
You will be assessed via:
 - Written tasks
 - Online exams
 - Practical assessments
- [Enrichment](#)
To further enhance your progression, you will take part in trips and visits, such as Professional Beauty and Salon International. You will also have access to key employers that will deliver guest lectures to build your industry knowledge and create your future.
As well as your main qualification you will have the opportunity to gain experience in the following - Male Grooming Workshops, Men's Creative Colouring and Men's creative styling.
Our Student Common Room is also a great place to unwind and relax during your breaks. It features pool tables, table tennis, a gaming corner and lots of comfy sofas so you can refresh before your next lesson. Themed events are held in the Common Room so you can get the best experience of being a Waltham Forest College student.
- [Work Experience](#)
You must complete 36 hours (1 week) of external work placement which is an essential part of the programme. Some of the opportunities will include placements with employers such as Still Unisex Hair Salon and Ali Barbers.
- [Progression opportunities](#)
The completion of this course will allow you to progress onto:
 - Hairdressing VTCT Diploma Level 2
 - Barbering VTCT Diploma Level 3
- [Alumni](#)
Waltham Forest College is a vibrant and aspirational college and will support you to reach your career aspirations. Last year 95% of barbering learners progressed into employment within the barbering industry.

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