

Hairdressing Level 3

This course is designed for 16-18 year olds.

The VTCT (NVQ) Diploma in Hairdressing Level 3 qualification covers specific skills necessary to become a senior stylist. The qualification builds on existing knowledge and understanding of hairdressing and develops more detailed and enhanced technical skills necessary for employment, 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:

- Completion of Hairdressing Diploma Level 2
- 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:

- Creatively style and dress hair
- Creatively cut hair using a combination of techniques

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- Creatively colour and lighten hair
- Provide client consultation services
- [How will I be assessed?](#)
You will be assessed via:
 - Written tasks
 - Online exams
 - Practical assessments
- [Enrichment](#)
To further enhance your progression, you will actively participate in skills competitions internally as well as opportunities to participate in World Skills. 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.
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 Toni & Guy and Lotolie Hairdressers.
- [Progression opportunities](#)
The completion of this course will allow you to progress onto:
 - Barbering VTCT Diploma Level 2
 - Employment
- [Alumni](#)
Waltham Forest College is a vibrant and aspirational college and will support you to reach your career aspirations. Last year 96% of learners progressed onto a positive destination either to higher levels of study, employment, or an Apprenticeship.

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