



SCHOOL LINKS

*City & Guilds*

**Beauty Therapy**

*Level 1 Certificate*

Your school has joined with North East Scotland College to offer you the opportunity to undertake a vocational qualification as part of your school studies. This information leaflet is designed to answer your questions and explain a bit about the course you will be taking.

## WHAT IS IT?

Beauty therapy is a well established industry with a number of qualifications available, including Vocational Related Qualifications and Scottish Vocational Qualifications.

By completing this course you will develop essential generic skills for working in the service industries. You will also develop specific beauty therapy skills which will give you the opportunity to undertake further training and qualifications on leaving school, or an opportunity to enter suitable employment.

The Level 1 certificate in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector is a City and Guilds course which will give you a broad introduction to beauty therapy and could result in you gaining a recognised qualification.

## WHAT WILL I LEARN?

During this course you will:

- Build a broad base of knowledge, skills and understanding related to the beauty therapy industry
- Develop an awareness of health and safety issues relevant to a range of activities
- Develop your communication and customer care skills
- Develop your interpersonal skills.
- Build technical knowledge and skills in relation to working within the industry
- Develop good practice in maintaining a tidy and safe work environment
- Be prepared for further learning opportunities, study and training opportunities in the area of beauty therapy.



## HOW WILL I BE TAUGHT?

You will experience a variety of learning methods and activities, which will include classroom based theory lessons as well as practical salon experience. You will be taught in salons and classes held within Aberdeen City Campus.

Throughout the course you will be offered an opportunity to review and identify how your skills are developing.

You will be expected to demonstrate:

- Good time keeping skills
- Willingness to learn
- A knowledge of appropriate dress
- An ability to work independently
- Planning and preparation skills
- Customer Care
- An ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with others
- Problem solving skills

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The course is made up of the following five units:

- Introduction to the hair and beauty sector
- Presenting a professional image in the salon
- Skin care
- Hand care
- Create an image using colour for the hair and beauty sector

Some of the topics you will learn about include personal presentation, customer care, skin analysis, facials, application of basic make-up, hand care treatments and basic manicure skills.

## WHAT DO I NEED?

Whilst you are taking part in the course you will be required to:

- Remove piercings and occasionally already applied make-up
- Provide and wear a specified tunic, black dress trousers and non-slip enclosed shoes
- Always be ready to start your class at the given time
- Adhere to the School Pupils Code of Commitment

Eating and drinking is not permitted in the salons or classrooms. Drinking water is available from water dispensers in the corridors within the College buildings.

You should note that all piercings are to be removed in the salon for health and safety reasons. This is an industry standard that all students are expected to abide by in order to successfully achieve. This should be borne in mind in event of any planned new piercings.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

To achieve the full course award you must attend regularly and successfully complete all five Units. Assessment will be based on a range of practical activities in real or simulated workplace settings. Assessors will observe whilst you undertake practical activities and you will also complete some research tasks and short written assessments.

Some assessments may require you to bring along a client aged 16 or over.

On successful completion of the full group award you will receive a Level 1 City and Guilds Certificate in an Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector.

## WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

This course may provide candidates with opportunities to progress to:

- A full-time Vocational Related Qualification or Scottish Vocational Qualification course in beauty therapy in a further education college
- Training or employment

## WHO DO I SPEAK TO ABOUT THIS COURSE?

If you are interested in this course and want to find out more about it you should speak to your Guidance Teacher at school.

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It is expected that pupils enrolling on this course will remain enrolled with their school for the duration of the course. Therefore this course is **not** suitable for those school pupils planning on leaving school at Christmas.



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