Learn. Discover. Grow.



We focus on your needs and aspirations to make sure that methods and levels of study are best suited to you, as well as working with you to boost your confidence and underpinning skills for work and life.

As well as your core programme of study with us, you'll gain a number of skills, including English and maths, as well as digital skills to give you a competitive edge as you progress into work or further training.

All Northumberland Skills learners gain access to:

- A more hands on way of learning to give you practical skills and knowledge
- Qualifications that are recognised worldwide
- Excellent pastoral and academic support from our dedicated staff
- Progression to further or higher education, or employment
- A learning environment to help you reach your true potential
- Skills and experience to give you the best start to progress to your future career

English and maths

If you have not yet achieved a grade 4 or above, you'll also work towards a GCSE or Functional Skills qualification as part of your course. If you have a grade 3 in GCSE English and/or maths, you will continue to develop your skills through GCSE sessions. If you have lower than a grade 3 in GCSE English and/or maths, you will study Functional Skills then progress to GCSE.

Study skills and tutorial with experience of work and work experience

Tutorial and study skills will complement your accredited course and provide wrap around support. This includes topics such as:

Employability skills

Finances

Interview skills

The world of work

Pastoral support will assist you to develop the skills needed for independent study and help with completion of coursework. One-to-one support is also available to offer individual support on an ongoing basis.

Leadership and enterprise skills alongside health, wellbeing, and confidence, ensure that your professional and personal development are prioritised alongside your studies. Experience of work and work experience relating to your vocational area is a vital component to boost knowledge and transferable skills.



Study Programme Information

All learners will study:

- A vocational qualification
- English & maths (if not already achieved)
- Study skills
- Tutorial
- Experience of work/Work experience
- Enrichment activities

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Introduction to Hair & Beauty

Study programme information

KEY FACTS

Qualification title and level: Introduction to the Hair & Beauty Industry (Level 1)

Awarding organisation: City & Guilds

Duration: 36 weeks

Study location(s): Haydon Bridge or Prudhoe

Who is this course for and what will I gain?

An ideal introduction to anyone interested in a career in the hair and beauty industry. A friendly, outgoing personality, good communication skills and a creative flair are all beneficial qualities. As well as being a good team player, having an interest in science, work well with their hands and in practical tasks.

What units will I study?

You will learn basic hair and beauty practical skills and theory knowledge to enable you to gain a Level 1 vocational qualification. You will gain industry experience, both in the fully equipped and highly professional environment of our salon, as well as experience in the industry in a commercial salon. This will enable you to gain the required communication, practical and employability skills.

- Introduction to the Hair & Beauty sector
- Presenting a professional image in a salon
- Reception duties
- Shampoo and condition the hair
- Colour hair using temporary colour
- Basic skin care and basic hand care
- Hair plaiting
- Provide basic manicure and pedicure treatments
- Styling women's hair
- Reception duties and working with others
- Follow Health & Safety in the salon (now includes Covid-19 H&S awareness additional certification)
- Equality & Diversity, Safeguarding, Health & Safety, British values etc.

Extra activities include hair and beauty competitions/industry trade fairs to encourage and develop creativity, knowledge, and individuality. 'Industry experience' whereby learners carry out work experience in a commercial salon, to gain further knowledge and experience of the real working environment.

How and where will I study?

You will develop and practice basic food preparation and cooking skills, whilst developing your knowledge in our realistic working kitchen at either Haydon Bridge High School or our Prudhoe campus.

What are the entry requirements?

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or lower. Ideally, you'll have an interest in science/biology plus good creative skills and ability to work with your hands. Course requirements also include: Level 1 hair and beauty kit (approx. £100), black salon tunic and black trousers (approx. £80) and black 'closed toed shoes' - no sandals.

How will I be assessed?

You will build your assessment portfolio through unit assignments and practical observations, these will be graded and finally unit grades amalgamated at the end of the course, to give your final grade.

Progression and careers:

You can progress to Hairdressing Level 2. Job roles include: salon stylist/senior stylist/artistic director/manager/owner, salon therapist, mobile hairdresser/therapist, session stylist/make-up specialist for photoshoots/magazines/films/tv, work on cruise ships or in a spa, film 'special effects', colour technician or teacher.

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