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Trades and Applied Technology Programs

Hairstylist Foundation

Location Offered:

Cowichan, Nanaimo, Powell River

Credential:

Certificate

Program Length:

11 Months

The Program

The VIU Hairstylist program provides students with high-quality education in the art and science of hairdressing at the foundation level. The ITA Hairstylist Red Seal curriculum is implemented throughout this 11 month program, encompassing all of the core aspects of the trade. Accomplished, highly-experienced instructors ensure that students are provided with the applicable learning opportunities to build competency in both the theoretical and practical application of skills. Learning is accomplished through practical instruction and student participation using professional-grade equipment and products that mirror those used in industry. Students quickly advance to performing services on live clients in the VIU Hairdressing teaching salon, which provides students with the opportunity to practice in an authentic salon environment under the guidance of instructors. Students will learn to establish relationships with real clients, while being guided in the development of skills, speed, accuracy, and product knowledge in order to offer quality service to clientele upon graduation. Guest artists and speakers will provide industry insight along with valuable networking opportunities. Students will gain additional experiential learning through participating in two practicums hosted by professional, fully-operational salons within the community. Students will also have opportunities to take part in hairdressing competitions and industry trade shows.

The goal of the VIU Hairdressing Program is to prepare our graduates to successfully begin their careers in the hairdressing industry.

The Hairstylist Foundation program is offered in partnership with Cowichan School District #79 and Saanichton School District #63.

Class hours of the program are 9am - 4:15pm, Monday to Thursday. Homework assignments and quizzes are delivered online and will take approximately 4 to 6 hours per week. Consistent attendance and participation is mandatory.

Successful graduates of this 11 month Foundation and Experiential Learning Program will receive:

- ITA Standard Level Exam (SLE)
- ITA Foundation Program
- VIU Hairstylist Foundation and Experiential Learning Certificate
- ITA Level 1 Certificate of Completion

The VIU Hairstylist Program aligns curriculum and outcomes with the Interprovincial Red Seal Endorsement standards so that graduates may successfully progress

towards achieving this credential. Please refer to the ITA BC website for more information regarding Red Seal Hairstylist Certification.

Program topics include:

- Hygiene, Sanitation and Disinfection Practices
- Use and Maintenance of Tools and Equipment
- Client Services
- Hair and Scalp Care
- Hair Cutting
- Hair Styling
- Chemical Waving and Relaxing of Hair
- Hair Colouring
- Specialized Services
- Business Management

A minimum standing of 70% in all courses is required to pass the program.

Note: Human Resources and Skills Development Canada may assist students in this program; contact your local Employment Centre regarding eligibility for sponsorship.

Program Outline

Hairdressing
HAIR 100T - (Hygiene, Sanitation, and Disinfection Practices)
HAIR 101T - (Use and Maintenance of Tools and Equipment)
HAIR 102T - (Client Services)
HAIR 103T - (Hair and Scalp)
HAIR 104T - (Hair Cutting)
HAIR 105T - (Hair Styling)
HAIR 106T - (Chemical Waving and Relaxing of Hair)
HAIR 107T - (Hair Colouring)
HAIR 108T - (Specialized Services)
HAIR 109T - (Business Management)
HAIR 110T - (Experiential Learning: Salon Module)

Admission Requirements

- Grade 12, or equivalent, or mature student status.
- Minimum 17 years of age.
- Successful completion of a Personal Profile.
- See also Trades general admission requirements.

Recommendations for Admission

- Good hand-eye coordination.
- Physically fit and able to stand all day.
- Normal colour vision, good depth perception, and ability to perceive line and form.
- Volunteer work, work experience or experience in a hairdressing salon.

Career Opportunities

VIUs Hairstylist program has a long standing history of proven success in producing quality graduates who enjoy a 95% employment rate upon graduation. A high number

of salons are owned, operated and staffed by graduates of the program. In addition to performing hair services in a salon, graduates report employment success in other areas such as salon management, sales, the cruise ship industry, the modeling/magazine industry, fashion styling, platform work and technical education.

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