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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. Throughout this 11 month program students will progress through three phases of course work, encompassing all core aspects of the ITA Level 1 curriculum. Accomplished, highly-experienced instructors ensure students are provided with learning opportunities that aim to build their competency in both theoretical and practical application of skills. Learning is accomplished through a variety of instructional practices and student participation. Students quickly advance to performing services on live clients in VIU's Teaching Salon, using professional grade equipment and products that mirror those used in industry. This authentic learning environment provides students with the opportunity to practice and hone their skillsets under the guidance of experienced and dedicated instructors. Students 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 a clientele upon graduation.

To enhance the student experience further, guest artists and speakers are invited regularly to visit the program and provide industry insight along with valuable networking opportunities. Students 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, and Powell River School District #47.

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 Level 1 Technical Training 990 Hours
- ITA Work Based Training 300 Hours
- 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:

- Safety-related and Hygienic Functions.
- Tools and Equipment
- Client Service
- Communication Techniques
- Hair and Scalp Conditions
- Shampoo and Condition Hair and Scalp
- Haircutting
- Facial and Nape Hair
- Style Wet Hair
- Style Dry Hair
- Chemical Texture Service
- Colour Hair
- Lighten Hair
- Color Correction
- Hair Extensions, Wigs, and Hairpieces
- Business Fundamentals
- Experiential Learning 1 - Salon Module
- Experiential Learning 2- Salon Module
- Experiential Learning 3- Salon Module

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

Phase 1
HAIR 100T - (Safety- related and Hygienic Functions)
HAIR 101T - (Tools and Equipment)
HAIR 102T - (Communication Techniques)
HAIR 103T - (Hair and Scalp Conditions)
HAIR 104T - (Shampoo and Condition Hair and Scalp)
HAIR 105T - (Style Wet Hair)
HAIR 106T - (Experiential Learning 1 - Salon Module)

Phase 2
HAIR 107T - (Client Service)
HAIR 108T - (Facial and Nape Hair)
HAIR 109T - (Style Dry Hair)
HAIR 110T - (Chemical Texture Service)
HAIR 111T - (Colour Hair)
HAIR 112T - (Experiential Learning 2 - Salon Module)

Phase 3
HAIR 113T - (Haircutting)
HAIR 114T - (Lighten Hair)
HAIR 115T - (Colour Correction)
HAIR 116T - (Hair Extensions, Wigs and Hairpieces)
HAIR 117T - (Business Fundamentals)
HAIR 118T - (Experiential Learning 3 - 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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