

Level 2 Diploma in Women's and Men's Hairdressing

Location	Altrincham Campus
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Hair & Media Make-up
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	AFP-HA2D-1100

Course Overview

Once successfully completing your Level 2 hairdressing certificate, the Level 2 Diploma is your second stage towards seeking a career as a employed and/or self-employed hairdresser/stylist. This qualification is based on the hairdressing National Occupational Standards (NOS) and is recognized by the UK's leading professional body (The Hairdressing Council) as being fit for purpose for preparing learners for a career as a junior hairdresser/stylist.

Our Level 2 programme is designed to prepare you for working on clients. It will allow you to gain confidence and skills in becoming a junior stylist within a Hair Salon. We will ensure you are supported every step of the way, ensuring you succeed and progress to a career in the Hairdressing industry. Learners will start full colour and cutting skills on clients.

Your future is our top priority. Preparing for industry is your top priority. We can work together to ensure your dream is fulfilled!

Course Requirements

4 GCSE's at Grade 3 or above (including maths and/or English Language).

What You Will Learn

All units in this qualification have been specifically designed to prepare you for working on clients in a real salon environment. You will develop knowledge of the hairdressing sector and work alongside colleagues completing clients in a real salon environment.

You will gain skills and demonstrating professional standards and expectations needed to work in a salon.

These skills you will learn on this second year will develop to a higher level to enable you to perform services independently and progress on to Level 3.

Assessment

As part of this qualification you are required to produce a portfolio of evidence. A portfolio will confirm the knowledge, understanding and skills that you have learnt. It may be in electronic or paper format.

Evidence in the portfolio may take the following forms:

Observed work

Witness statements

Audio-visual media

Evidence of prior learning or attainment

Written questions

Oral questions

Assignments

Case studies

Progression

Progression opportunities include:

Level 3 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing

Level 2 Diploma in Barbering

Level 2 Diploma in Hair and Media Make-Up Studies

Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Specialist Techniques

Level 2 Diploma in Nail Services

Learners completing this qualification are eligible to become a graduate State Registered Hairdresser with The Hairdressing Council.

Career options as a junior stylist/hairdresser include:

- Commercial hair salons

-Independent/mobile/home-based settings

- Cruise ships

Career Options

Hairdresser, Salon Owner

Mandatory Units

Mandatory units for this course are:

The art of cutting women's Hair

Plaiting and twisting hair

Perming hair

Promote products and retailing

Create an image based on a theme

Optional units include:

Cutting Gents Hair

Contact Details

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