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Level 3 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing

Location	Stockport College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Hair & Media Make-up
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	SFP-HA3D-1100

Course Overview

By training in our professional salon and working on real clients, you will gain a range of hairdressing skills and techniques to support you in your career. Specialising in styling and dressing hair, consultation, colour and cutting techniques to an advanced level, you will be ready to work in the industry with confidence.

You will also be monitoring health and safety in the salon and learning how to promote products to help support business practices, which will make you more employable. Additionally, you will learn about creativity and colour correction in this all-round hairdressing qualification.

This programme has specifically been designed around what the industry requires you to need. We have done this by speaking to several employers and getting their opinion on the course and units we offer.

Our Hair Experts work with you very closely to support you every step of the way and also ensure that by the end of the year you are in a career that suits your dream!

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 4 or above (including maths and/or English Language).

What You Will Learn

The skills you will learn are to qualify you as a hairdresser at Level 3 in the hairdressing industry. It will provide opportunities for you to develop a range of skills, techniques, personal qualities and attitudes essential for successful performance in employment as a hairdresser.

Whether you choose to go self-employed; mobile or even work abroad. The skills you will learn on this course are essential to any career in the Hair industry you choose.

On this programme you will work alongside extremely professional Hair experts who have trained with Sassoon; Wella; Matrix and gained Master Colour Expert status.

You will enter into various competitions; take part in photoshoots; attend several seminars and trips to Manchester and even London. This year is your time to shine!

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

Level 3 Barbering
Level 4 Salon Management
Employment

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

Career opportunities as a junior hairdresser/stylist exist in a variety of contexts, including:

- Commercial hair salons
- Independent/mobile/home-based settings
- Product manufacturing and training
- Cruise liners
- Salon Management
- Teaching in Hairdressing Education
- Careers with WELLA

Career Options

There are a variety of potential career opportunities as a junior hairdresser within areas like commercial hair salons and independent, self employed, home-based, and mobile settings. You could also choose to branch off into other areas within the industry and pursue make-up artistry or beauty therapy or potentially teach.

Mandatory Units

Style and dress hair using a variety of techniques
Cut women's hair to create a variety of looks
Colour hair to create a variety of looks
Hairdressing consultation support for colleagues
Monitor and maintain Health and Safety practice in the salon
Promote products and services to clients in the salon

Optional Units:

Bridal Hair Styling
Hair Colour Correction (Level 4 Unit)

Contact Details

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Although every care has been taken to ensure that the information contained within this document is accurate, there may be changes to this programme and provision. We will endeavour to keep prospective and current students updated where appropriate and when the information becomes available.