

**Subject:** The Study of Hair and Beauty

**Qualification:** Level 1/2 Technical Award

**Exam Board:** VTCT

### **What will I Study?**

Studying Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy is for students with an interest in pursuing a career in Hairdressing, Barbering and/or beauty therapy.

This qualification aims to support you to:

- develop a broad and comprehensive understanding of the hair and beauty sector through class and independent research
- develop knowledge which spans the entire vocational sector and related industries
- develop academic study and transferable skills that will support progression within the hair and beauty sector and more broadly

### **This qualification includes three mandatory units**

UCO90 – Business and entrepreneurship in the hair and beauty sector This unit will enable learners to develop knowledge and understanding of business principles, types of businesses, marketing and entrepreneurship and different business opportunities within the hair and beauty sector.

UCO91 – Anatomy, physiology and cosmetic science This unit will enable learners to develop knowledge and understanding of cosmetic chemistry, the role of the integumentary system and the development of hair and beauty products.

UCO92 – Design in the hair and beauty sector This unit will enable learners to develop knowledge and understanding of the purpose, principles and development of design briefs for the hair and beauty sector, including how to present and communicate design brief ideas and concepts to a range of audiences and develop analytical, reflective and evaluative skills.

In addition, assessment by examination - a written theory exam, externally set and externally marked by VTCT, will contribute 40% to the overall qualification grade. The assessment by examination will assess the knowledge and understanding from the unit content.

The qualification does not contain any optional units or components.

### **How is my work assessed?**

The course will be 60% assessed by NEA controlled assessment and 40% by exam.

This qualification uses Pass, Merit, Distinction, Distinction\* (P/M/D/D\*) grading.

### **What can this qualification lead to?**

Students who successfully achieve this qualification could progress to higher vocationally-related qualifications, for example Level 2/3 Diploma in Hairdressing or level 2/3 Diploma in Barbering delivered at the Salon at St Peter's. There are additional qualifications which these courses could lead to e.g. Fashion and Photographic Make-Up, Nail Technology, Media Make up, Massage.

### **Further information**

[vtct.org.uk Specification/CO2A5.pdf](http://vtct.org.uk/Specification/CO2A5.pdf)

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