

# 風火水土

## ARMONIA

## Advanced Apprenticeship / NVQ Level 3 - **Beauty Therapy**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Beauty Therapy industry is continuing to rapidly expand and is adapting to meet the growth in demand for established and new treatments. As a career path it is rewarding and varied.

The Advanced Apprenticeship programme allows you to work and earn money whilst you study. You will work as a therapist within a salon environment gaining experience of working life. You will also attend the Academy to study for the NVQ Beauty Therapy qualification at level 3 and essential Key Skills qualifications. This will allow you to continue working in a wide variety of establishments in the beauty and health sector and allow for progression onto post graduate courses such as the ITEC Diploma in Reflexology.

This programme is aimed at highly skilled young people between the ages of 16 and 24. To complete the apprenticeship programme you will attend the Academy 1 day a week for 6/8 hours, for up to 2 years. During this 'off the job training' you will receive input on the skills required for the NVQ3 qualification. You will also work towards achieving Key Skills at the appropriate levels (see under content). Your 'on the job training' and assessment will be carried out at your place of work.

Upon completion of your apprenticeship you may progress within the working environment or consider a Foundation Degree or management qualification to enhance your future career options.

### **Content**

#### **NVQ 3 Beauty Therapy**

- Epilation – Treatment resulting in the permanent removal of unwanted hair
- Full body massage including the face and scalp
- Body conditioning treatments incorporating electrotherapy
- Facial conditioning treatments incorporating electrotherapy
- Self tanning techniques
- Salon management and business finance

#### **Key skills**

- Communication Level 2
- Application of Number Level 2

#### **Optional**

- Information Technology Level 1/2

Students may also have the opportunity to access additional learning programmes subject to availability and suitability.

## **Course information**

Your training at the Academy will consist of practical, theory, portfolio building, evidence collection and personal tutorial sessions; these form the basis of your individual learning plan.

Your practical training will take place in the commercial training salon. You will also have the opportunity to work with professional product ranges such as Guinot, Dermalogica and Jessica nails.

Your theory delivery will be carried out in our theory room equipped with interactive technology. The course input is supported by comprehensive delivery materials allowing for lesson time to be focused on your learning.

## **Assessment**

NVQ's are divided into units, each one representing a particular area of skill or knowledge.

The qualification is achieved through continual assessment of your practical work and assessment of your theory understanding using tests and oral questions. Assessment of your practical skills will be mainly carried out in the work place. The evidence of competency gained for both practical and theory based skills demonstrated will be collected in a portfolio.

You will be required to attend portfolio building and testing sessions scheduled as part of your delivery. You will be guided through this process by your course tutor and this will be supported by individual review and planning sessions.

## **Additional Training**

NVQ 3 students may be offered the opportunity to participate in additional training activities offered by the Academy, provided they are meeting their progress and achievement targets.

These training days may require additional attendance at the academy so are subject to approval from your employer.

For example:

Guinot – Manual Therapies Certificate with the French skin care company.

Dermalogica – Product Knowledge and sales guidance (Part 2) with the American skin care company.

Sterex - Blend epilation training

Self tanning application – Fake Bake workshop

Certification costs may be incurred for some of the above.

## **Entry Requirements**

It is essential that applicants have achieved the NVQ level 2 in Beauty Therapy (or an equivalent qualification) and it is desirable that applicants have 4 GCSE's at grade C or above. However each applicant will be judged on their own merit and their suitability assessed at interview, based on motivation, potential and previous experience.

This is a challenging programme that requires the individual to be motivated and enthusiastic, with good organisational skills and good social skills. It is essential that all candidates have good hand to eye coordination, an enquiring mind, and a desire to work with people.

Your acceptance on this programme will be dependant up on a successful interview and suitable reference. Initial assessment will be carried out at the start of the programme if not previously carried out.

Advanced Apprentices must have employed status.

## **Progression route**

Foundation Degree

## **Employment opportunities**

Employment in a Beauty Salon, Spa, Self Employment.