

風火水土

ARMONIA

Apprenticeship / NVQ Level 2 - **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 Apprenticeship programme allows you to work and earn money whilst you study. You will work as a junior 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 2 and essential Key Skills qualifications. This will allow you to continue working in a wide variety of establishments in the beauty and health sector or allow for progression onto the Advanced Apprenticeship leading to NVQ Beauty Therapy at level 3.

This programme is aimed at highly skilled young people between the ages of 16 and 24. To complete the apprenticeship programme you will initially attend the Academy for 3 days a week. After the first 20 weeks you will then attend the Academy 1 day a week for 6/8 hours over 36/48 weeks. During this 'off the job training' you will receive input on the skills required for the NVQ2 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 onto the Advanced Apprenticeship Programme. This allows you to develop the skills necessary to work as a beauty therapist, masseuse and electrologist whilst working within the industry. Additional Key Skills qualifications also form part of the overall qualification.

Content

NVQ 2 Beauty Therapy

- Facial treatments incorporating massage and skin care
- Eye treatments including tinting, perming and shaping
- Wax depilation
- Manicure incorporating specialised conditioning treatments
- Pedicure incorporating specialised conditioning treatments
- Make up techniques for day, evening and occasions
- Health and Safety for the salon environment
- Retail and treatment sales
- Working as part of a team

Key skills

- Communication Level 1
- Application of Number Level 1

Optional

- Information Technology Level 1

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 on line 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 2 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 –Product knowledge and skin care workshop with the French skin care company.

Jessica - manicure and pedicure workshop including treatment techniques and product knowledge.

Dermalogica – Product Knowledge and sales guidance with the American skin care company.

Certification costs may be incurred for some of the above.

Entry Requirements

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 also be carried out at the interview stage.

It is strongly recommended that Apprentices have employed status.

Progression route

Advanced Apprenticeship / NVQ level 3 Beauty Therapy

Employment opportunities

Employment in a Beauty Salon, Self Employment.