National 5 SfW Hairdressing (Course Code: C252 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

Why study SfW Hairdressing?

The hairdressing industry includes people who cut and style hair for both men and women, as well as people who work to improve the health of the hair and scalp.

There is a steady demand for hairdressers and barbers in salons big and small throughout Scotland. Hairdressing offers good opportunities for those who enjoy:

- working with the public
- keeping up with changes in fashion
- learning practical skills.

Career Pathways

To see what career areas this subject could lead to and the routes to get there, download and view these career pathways:

Hairdressing, Beauty and Wellbeing

What do I need to get in?

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college.

What will I study?

The course is made up of four compulsory units, each one taking 40 hours of study.

- Working in a salon environment (6 SCQF credit points)
- Salon skills (6 SCQF credit points)
- Creative trends (6 SCQF credit points)
- An introduction to colour (6 SCQF credit points) **OR** Introduction to colour processes (6 SCQF credit points)

You will learn about

- general salon duties, reception skills, and health and safety issues
- customer care, shampooing, conditioning, basic scalp massage and blow-drying
- hair colouring
- current fashion trends and styles
- aspects of the Core Skill "Working with Others"

Where will I take the course?

You will usually train at a local college. Training sessions will take place for a set number of hours and weeks during term time.

Work experience/placements

You may be able to arrange a related work experience placement by speaking to your pastoral care or guidance teacher in school.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment will be based on a range of practical activities in real or simulated workplace settings. Tutors will observe and keep records of your work. Some assessment may be done online using an e-portfolio system.

Study Materials

What can I go on to next?

You may be able to progress to:

Employment /Training

- A Modern Apprenticeship leading to a Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) at SCQF Levels 5 to 6 in Hairdressing.

Further/Higher Education

- A one year full time National Certificate (NC) or National Qualification (NQ) in Hairdressing.

Further study, training or employment in:

- Hairdressing, Beauty and Wellbeing