



Careers in Hair & Beauty

Your guide to training, jobs and opportunities

Liverpool & Merseyside | Entry Level to Level 3 | SEND-friendly options available



Why Choose a Career in Hair & Beauty?

- Creative, hands-on work with real variety every day
- Build lasting relationships with clients and the community
- Wide range of roles — salons, spas, theatre, film, TV, cruise ships and weddings
- Flexible working patterns and strong self-employment opportunities
- Opportunities to specialise quickly and build your own client base
- Consistent local demand for skilled practitioners across Merseyside



Skills and Personal Qualities

- Good communication — listening carefully to what clients want
- Creativity and a good eye for colour, style and detail
- Patience and a calm, friendly manner
- Ability to stand for long periods and work with your hands
- Reliability and good timekeeping
- Confidence following health, safety and hygiene procedures



Useful School Subjects

- Art & Design — colour theory, visual awareness, creativity
- Science — understanding hair and skin chemistry, product ingredients
- Maths — measuring, mixing ratios, taking payments
- English — client communication, reading product instructions
- Health & Social Care — personal care, hygiene, wellbeing



Local Courses (Entry Level to Level 3)

Courses are available across Merseyside from Entry Level upwards. Many courses accept students without GCSEs.

Hairdressing & Barbering

- City of Liverpool College — Hairdressing & Barbering L1, L2, L3
- Hugh Baird College — Hair, Make-Up & Barbering L1-L3
- Knowsley Community College — Hairdressing L1-L2
- St Helens College — Hairdressing L2-L3

Beauty Therapy & Nail Technology

- City of Liverpool College — Beauty Therapy L1, L2, L3
- Hugh Baird College — Beauty Therapy & Nail Technology L1-L3
- Knowsley Community College — Beauty Therapy L1-L2
- Riverside College, Widnes — Beauty Therapy L1-L2
- St Helens College — Beauty Therapy L2-L3
- Greenbank College — Beauty & Personal Care (SEND-friendly, Entry Level upwards)

SEND-Friendly & Supported Provision

- Greenbank College — Supported personal care & beauty skills
- Sandfield Park / Palmerston — transition and personal care pathways
- Ask your EHCP co-ordinator about supported internship placements in salons

Apprenticeships and Training

- Hairdressing Professional Apprenticeship — Level 2 (18 months+)
- Barbering Professional Apprenticeship — Level 2
- Beauty Therapist Apprenticeship — Level 2
- Nail Technician and Lash Technician short courses (local salons and colleges)
- Search live vacancies: www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk
- Ask your adviser about Supported Internships in local salons if you have an EHCP

Jobs, Volunteering and Work Experience

There are many different roles in hair and beauty — from salons to studios to cruise ships.

Role	Where You Work	Starting Qualification
Hairdresser / Hair Stylist	Salons, mobile, home-based	Level 2 NVQ Hairdressing
Barber	Barbershops, mobile	Level 2 NVQ Barbering
Beauty Therapist	Salons, spas, clinics, cruise ships	Level 2 NVQ Beauty Therapy
Nail Technician	Nail bars, salons, self-employed	Level 2 Award / short course
Make-Up Artist	Weddings, film, TV, theatre, fashion	Level 2/3 + strong portfolio
Spa / Holistic Therapist	Hotels, health clubs, spas	Level 2/3 Beauty Therapy
Salon Manager / Owner	Own salon, franchise	Level 3 + business skills
Trichologist	Clinics, NHS, private practice	Level 3 + specialist training

- Volunteer at community events, charity fashion shows or college open days to build experience
- Ask your school or adviser to arrange work experience at a local salon

Typical starting salary: £18,000–£22,000. Experienced specialists and self-employed can earn £30,000–£40,000+.

Next Steps and Contact Information

- Speak to your school or college careers adviser
- Visit open days at City of Liverpool College or Hugh Baird College
- Search for local jobs: www.indeed.co.uk | www.notjustjobs.com
- Find apprenticeships: www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

TAGS Careers	www.tags.careers — local careers information and resources
eCLIPS	www.eclips-online.co.uk Password: koemno93
Adviser	Neil Alecock — Careers & Transition Adviser, Liverpool & Merseyside
Colleges	City of Liverpool College: www.liv-coll.ac.uk Hugh Baird: www.hughbaird.ac.uk

