

Area of Interest: Recreation and Wellness

Hairstyling Techniques - Apprenticeship

Ontario College Certificate Program Code: 0348X01FWO 16 Weeks

Ottawa Campus

Our Program

Get career-ready, cutting-edge skills in our AC Salon, Spa and Boutique.

Registered hairstylist apprentices are invited to pursue this Hairstyling Techniques - Apprenticeship Ontario College Certificate program by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MLTSD).

Learn cutting-edge skills from industry experts in Algonquin College`s world-class hair salon. Through a combination of hands-on application and theoretical instruction, you develop the skills you need for a career as a licensed professional hairstylist in today`s high-demand beauty industry.

In order to enrol in this program, applicants must:

- be currently employed in the trade
- be formally registered as apprentices with MLTSD
- have a valid Offer of Classroom Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development that includes your Ministry Client ID and approved Class Number.

Eligibility is determined by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development.

The program provides a total of 480 hours of in-class instruction, which must be supplemented by 3,020 hours of on-the-job training. Upon completion of these requirements, you write and perform a practical exam to earn your Red Seal Inter-provincial license so you can work as a qualified hairstylist.

Graduates from this program gain the skills they need to further their experience in the hair industry.

After receiving your license, you may find employment as a:

- hairstylist
- colour technician
- salon manager in salons, day or resort spas, health clubs, cruise ships, or beauty institutes

There are also opportunities as sales representatives for manufacturers, distributors and retailers of hairstyling products. You may also choose to pursue self-employment opportunities.

To learn more about apprenticeships, visit http://ontario.ca/page/skilled-trades for detailed information.

For Registered Apprentices:

You begin the program with eight weeks of in-class instruction, followed by approximately one year of working in the industry. After this work period, you return to Algonquin College to complete another eight weeks of in-class instruction. The program combines theoretical instruction in cutting, styling, hair colouring, hygiene, and salon management, with valuable hands-on experience.



This program is well-suited for students who:

- Enjoy interacting with people and providing superior service to clients.
- Have strong communication (oral and written) skills.
- Are organized, creative and energetic.
- Are able to stand for extended periods of time and work long hours.
- Are able to lift five pounds at shoulder height for an extended timeframe.
- Are comfortable working in awkward postures or performing repetitive tasks.

Employment

Upon successful completion of the provincial examinations, graduates are qualified to work as hairstylists.

Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

- Demonstrate safe working practices in the workplace and be able to perform sanitization procedures according to related health legislation.
- Communicate styling and product-related recommendations in a clear, compassionate and confident manner to enhance client trust.
- Provide scalp and hair treatments to enhance scalp oil production, improve hair growth, and other related health benefits.
- Cut and style hair to a desired shape or style using a variety of styling tools to meet client requirements and specifications.
- Perform a permanent wave and chemical relaxing using test curl method of verification according to hair type and style.
- Perform a colour to the level desired, and lighten, tone, highlight and lowlight hair or remove artificial pigment to the level of colour desired.
- Perform routine salon business functions such as marketing salon products; completing financial transactions and booking appointments to enhance customer retention.

Program of Study

Level: 01	Courses	Hours
HAI2127	Entrepreneurial Skills 1	12.0
HAI2129	Style Hair 1	36.0
HAI2137	Permanent Wave Hair	44.0
HAI2139	Colour and Lighten Hair 1	56.0
HAI2140	Health and Safety I	16.0
HAI2141	Cut Hair 1	36.0
HAI2142	Ethics, Regulation and Policy	8.0
HAI2143	Professional Development	8.0
HAI2144	Client Service	8.0



HAI2145	Preparatory Procedures and Treatments 1	16.0
Level: 02	Courses	Hours
HAI2209	Entrepreneurial Skills 2	16.0
HAI2210	Preparatory Procedures and Treatments 2	16.0
HAI2211	Style Hair 2	40.0
HAI2213	Chemically Relax Hair	44.0
HAI2214	Colour and Lighten Hair 2	60.0
HAI2215	Cut Hair 2	40.0
HAI2216	Hair Additions	24.0

Fees for the 2023/2024 Academic Year

Tuition Fees: \$400 per level. Incidental Fee: \$150 per level.

Information Technology Fee: \$43.86 per level.

Textbooks cost approximately \$200, equipment and supplies cost approximately \$900. Student uniform cost is approximately \$40.

Admission Requirements for the 2024/2025 Academic Year

College Eligibility

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent; OR
- Mature Student status (19 years of age or older and without a high school diploma at the start of the program).

Program Eligibility

- Prospective students must be registered apprentices with the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development and must be a member in good standing with Skilled Trades Ontario (STO).
- Eligibility is determined by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development.

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Program Eligibility

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Application Information



Program Code 0348X01FWO

Registration for Apprenticeship programs takes place through the Ministry of Labour, Training, and Skills Development.

For further information, contact:

Ministry of Labour, Training, and Skills Development 347 Preston Street 3rd Floor, Suite 310 Ottawa, ON K1S 3H8

https://www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship

Telephone: 613-731-7100 Toll-free: 1-877-221-1220

Additional Information

Note: Students must practise health and safety awareness with regards to commonly-used substances in a salon, including hair-related products, cleansers and sanitation chemicals.

A minimum passing grade for all apprenticeship courses is 60%.

Success in all Basic Level classes is a requirement before moving to the Advanced Level. Exam prep is now mandatory, and is delivered as a 5-day extension to the Advanced Level.

Contact Information

Program Coordinator(s)

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Course Descriptions

HAI2127 Entrepreneurial Skills 1

Clients are the mainstay of any salon's existence. Students acquire the skills needed to provide effective customer service through practiced communication, interpersonal and time management techniques.

Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2129 Style Hair 1

Creating the desired finished look for any occasion is a must for a hairstylist. Students recognize and develop the skills required to create various styles using various tools and techniques.

Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2137 Permanent Wave Hair

The apprentice is able to perform a permanent wave using current and relevant methods according to hair type and style.

Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2139 Colour and Lighten Hair 1

The apprentice acquires skills to colour, lighten, tone, highlight and lowlight hair, and/or remove pigment to the level of colour desired.

Prerequisite(s): none



Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2140 Health and Safety I

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to facilitate the provision of healthy and safe working environments and perform sanitization procedures in accordance with related health regulations and legislation.

Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2141 Cut Hair 1

Recognizing the factors that influence the overall design of a haircut is crucial. Students identify and develop the skills required to perform the four basic haircuts using various cutting and texturizing techniques.

Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2142 Ethics, Regulation and Policy

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to complete all work in adherence to professional ethics, government regulations, workplace standards and policies and according to manufacturer's specifications as applicable.

Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2143 Professional Development

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to adapt to various and changing technologies, applications and procedures in the hair styling industry, and develop and present a plan outlining future professional development.

Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2144 Client Service

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to select and administer preparatory procedures and/or treatments to the hair and scalp using individually selected products to meet the expectations of the client.

Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2145 Preparatory Procedures and Treatments 1

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to select and administer preparatory procedures and/or treatments to the hair and scalp using individually selected products to meet the expectations of the client.

Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2209 Entrepreneurial Skills 2

Entrepreneurial techniques used to promote a salon, including its services and products, are essential in the role of a hairstylist. Students develop the skills required to promote products and services in a full salon operation.



Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2210 Preparatory Procedures and Treatments 2

Each service within a salon requires a specific preparatory procedure based on the type of hair and service being performed. Students enhance the skills and knowledge attained in the first level while incorporating specialized knowledge to recognize and recommend treatments or referrals for disorders and conditions of the hair.

Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2211 Style Hair 2

Specialized skills and techniques are used to create modern styles. Students enhance the skills and knowledge attained in the first level while integrating new techniques using specialized tools and methods while honing their technical abilities.

Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2213 Chemically Relax Hair

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to chemically relax hair by selecting and applying relevant knowledge of, and skills with, chemical products and techniques in order to meet the needs and expectations of the client.

Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2214 Colour and Lighten Hair 2

Students deepen their knowledge and skills around hair colouring by integrating specialized application techniques and advanced corrective applications.

Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2215 Cut Hair 2

Students enhance the skills and knowledge attained in the first level while honing their technical abilities as they apply to today's trends. Students integrate cutting and styling techniques for textured hair and perform barbering and tapered fade techniques.

Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2216 Hair Additions

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to compare and contrast fiber types, application procedures, specialized tools and maintenance procedures when working with hair additions.

Prerequisite(s): none Corerequisite(s):none