

Area of Interest: Recreation and Wellness

Hairstyling

Ontario College Diploma

Program Code: 1104X01FWO

2 Years

Ottawa Campus

Our Program

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

By combining hands-on training and theory, the two-year Hairstyling Ontario College Diploma program prepares you for a career as a licensed professional hairstylist in a fast-paced and exciting industry.

As a student, you learn techniques such as:

- cutting
- styling
- permanent waving
- chemically relaxing
- colouring
- lightening
- hair additions

You also gain skills in salon operations using industry-standard software. By working in the Salon, Spa and Boutique, you have the chance to put your skills into practice on real clients.

Demonstrate your knowledge by developing individualized styling options, prescribing products and practicing safe and hygienic practices. Upon completion of the program, you are granted 1,500 hours towards the 3,500 total hours required to complete your apprenticeship. After completion of these requirements, you write an exam to earn your license so you can work as a certified hairstylist.

You may find employment as a:

- hairstylist
- colour technician
- salon manager in salons, day or resort spas, health clubs, cruise ships, or beauty institutes
- sales representative for a manufacturer or distributor

You may also choose to pursue self-employment opportunities.

SUCCESS FACTORS

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 work long hours and stand for extended periods of time.
- Are able to lift five pounds at shoulder height for an extended time frame.
- Are comfortable working in awkward postures or performing repetitive tasks.

Employment

Graduates may gain employment as hair stylists, colour technicians, or salon managers in salons and day or resort spas. They may also be employed as sales representatives for manufacturers, distributors and retailers of hairstyling products or may pursue self-employment opportunities.

Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

- Complete all work in adherence to professional ethics, government regulations, workplace standards and policies, and according to manufacturer's specifications as applicable.
- Facilitate the provision of healthy and safe working environments and perform sanitization procedures in accordance with related health regulations and legislation.
- Apply entrepreneurial skills to the operation and administration of a hair stylist business.
- Adapt to various and changing technologies, applications and procedures in the hair styling industry, and develop and present a plan outlining future professional development.
- Develop and use client service strategies that meet and adapt to individual client needs and expectations.
- Select and administer preparatory procedures and/or treatments to the hair and scalp using individually selected products to meet the expectations of the client.
- Identify, select and use a variety of tools to cut hair according to the needs and expectations of the client.
- Select and use standard and specialized techniques to effectively style wet and dry hair.
- Perform a permanent wave using current and relevant methods according to hair type and style.
- Chemically relax hair by selecting and applying relevant knowledge of, and skills, with chemical products and techniques in order to meet the needs and expectation of the client.
- Colour, lighten, tone, highlight and lowlight hair.
- Compare and contrast fiber types, application procedures, specialized tools, and maintenance procedures when working with hair additions.
- Identify and apply discipline-specific practices that contribute to the local and global community through social responsibility, economic commitment and environmental stewardship.

Program of Study

Level: 01	Courses	Hours
ENL1813H	Communications I	42.0
GEN1002	Morals, Values and Ethical Principles: What Influences You?	42.0
HAI1014	Preparatory Procedures I	42.0

HAI1016	Cut Hair I	112.0
HAI1017	Style Hair I	84.0
HLT1017	Professional Development	28.0
HLT1112	Health and Safety	56.0
Level: 02		Courses
ENL1823H	Communications II	42.0
HAI1018	Colour and Lighten Hair I	98.0
HAI2029	Style Hair II	70.0
HAI2030	Salon Operations I	56.0
HAI2033	Cut Hair II	84.0
HLT2013	Preparatory Procedures II	42.0
Choose one from equivalencies:		Courses
GED1104	General Education Elective	42.0
Level: 03		Courses
HAI2027	Permanent Wave Hair I	84.0
HAI2028	Colour and Lighten Hair II	98.0
HAI3016	Salon Operations II	70.0
HAI3019	Textured Hair Services	84.0
HLT1013	Entrepreneurial Skills I	42.0
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GED1104	General Education Elective	42.0
Level: 04		Courses
HAI3014	Colour and Lighten Hair III	98.0
HAI3020	Salon Operations III	84.0
HAI3021	Cut Hair III	56.0
HAI3022	Style Hair III	56.0
HAI3023	Permanent Wave Hair II	56.0
MGT2010	Entrepreneurial Skills II	42.0
MGT3007	Hair Additions	70.0

Fees for the 2023/2024 Academic Year

Tuition and related ancillary fees for this program can be viewed by using the Tuition and Fees Estimator tool at <http://www.algonquincollege.com/fee-estimator>.

Further information on fees can be found by visiting the Registrar's Office website at <http://www.algonquincollege.com/ro>.

Fees are subject to change.

Additional program related expenses include:

- Books and supplies cost approximately \$500 and can be purchased at the campus store.

Admission Requirements for the 2024/2025 Academic Year

College Eligibility

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent. Applicants with an OSSD showing senior English and/or Mathematics courses at the Basic Level, or with Workplace or Open courses, will be tested to determine their eligibility for admission; OR
- Academic and Career Entrance (ACE) certificate; OR
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- Mature Student status (19 years of age or older and without a high school diploma at the start of the program). Eligibility may be determined by academic achievement testing for which a fee of \$50 (subject to change) will be charged.

Program Eligibility

- English, Grade 12 (ENG4C or equivalent)
- Applicants with international transcripts must provide proof of the subject-specific requirements noted above and may be required to provide proof of language proficiency. Domestic applicants with international transcripts must be evaluated through the International Credential Assessment Service of Canada (ICAS) or World Education Services (WES).
- IELTS-International English Language Testing Service (Academic) Overall band of 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each band; OR TOEFL-Internet-based (iBT)-overall 80, with a minimum of 20 in each component: Reading 20; Listening 20; Speaking 20; Writing 20; OR Duolingo English Test (DET) Overall 110, minimum of 110 in Literacy and no score below 95.

Not sure if you meet all of the requirements? Academic Upgrading may be able to help with that: <https://www.algonquincollege.com/access/>.

Should the number of qualified applicants exceed the number of available places, applicants are selected on the basis of their proficiency in English.

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Application Information

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Applications to full-time day programs must be submitted with official transcripts showing completion of the academic admission requirements through:

ontariocolleges.ca
60 Corporate Court
Guelph, Ontario N1G 5J3
1-888-892-2228

Students currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school should notify their Guidance Office prior to their online application at <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/>.

Applications for Fall Term and Winter Term admission received by February 1 will be given equal consideration. Applications received after February 1 will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis as long as places are available.

International applicants please visit this link for application process information: <https://algonquincollege.force.com/myACint/>.

For further information on the admissions process, contact:

Registrar's Office
Algonquin College
1385 Woodroffe Ave
Ottawa, ON K2G 1V8
Telephone: 613-727-0002
Toll-free: 1-800-565-4723
TTY: 613-727-7766
Fax: 613-727-7632
Contact: <https://www.algonquincollege.com/ro>

Additional Information

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

International Applicants:

The Hairstyling program has an essential work component. An international student will require a work permit to authorize him/her to complete the work requirement in order to successfully complete their program of study.

<https://www.algonquincollege.com/international/current-students/work-co-op/>.

Should you need more information or have any questions about the program or the essential work component, please contact us at <mailto:international@algonquincollege.com>.

Contact Information

Program Coordinator(s)

- Deanna Douglas, <mailto:douglad@algonquincollege.com> , 613-727-4723, ext. 7270

Course Descriptions

ENL1813H Communications I

Communication remains an essential skill sought by employers, regardless of discipline or field of study. Using a practical, vocation-oriented approach, students focus on meeting the requirements of effective communication. Through a combination of lectures, exercises, and independent learning, students practise writing, speaking, reading, listening, locating and documenting information, and using technology to communicate professionally. Students develop and strengthen communication skills that contribute to success in both educational and workplace environments.

Prerequisite(s): none

Corerequisite(s):none

ENL1823H Communications II

Employers emphasize the need for communication skills that are effective in challenging workplace situations. Using a practical, vocational approach, students refine their writing skills, practise effective verbal communication, apply sound research skills and develop teamwork strategies in order to prepare a competitive package for the job search and interview process, to communicate negative news and persuasive messages using the indirect pattern, to create organized documents supported by research and to present clear oral messages targeted to specific audiences. A combination of lectures, exercises and independent learning activities support students in strengthening the communication skills required for success in educational and workplace environments.

Prerequisite(s): ENL1813H

Corerequisite(s):none

GED1104 General Education Elective

Students choose one course, from a group of general education electives, which meets one of the following four theme requirements: Arts in Society, Civic Life, Social and Cultural Understanding, and Science and Technology.

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Corerequisite(s):none

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Prerequisite(s): none

Corerequisite(s):none

GEN1002 Morals, Values and Ethical Principles: What Influences You?

Some would say that "there is a hole in the moral ozone and it's getting bigger." Ethical challenges we face every day are examined and addressed. Students clarify their own values and understand how these values impact the course of their lives. A number of tools and decision-making models are provided to deal with personal and professional ethical dilemmas.

Prerequisite(s): none

Corerequisite(s):none

HAI1014 Preparatory Procedures I

Identifying the properties of the hair and scalp is an important aspect of the hairstylist's role. Students effectively examine and recognize the structure, composition and diseases of the hair and scalp.

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

HAI1016 Cut Hair I

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 a variety of techniques.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s):HAI1017

HAI1017 Style Hair I

Creating the desired finished look for any occasion is a must for a hair stylist. Students recognize and develop the skills required to perform a variety of styles using various tools and techniques.

Prerequisite(s): none
Corerequisite(s):HAI1016

HAI1018 Colour and Lighten Hair I

With the ever-growing popularity of colour services, skilled colour technicians are in high demand in the industry. Students learn the basic foundation of colour by examining types of colouring products, the physical and chemical effects of colour products and performing various colour application techniques.

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

HAI2027 Permanent Wave Hair I

Permanent wave services are often used in salons to enhance a client's hair texture or style. Students are provided the foundation for permanently waving hair by examining the types of perm products, the physical and chemical effects of a perm on the hair and performing the various perm application techniques.

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

HAI2028 Colour and Lighten Hair II

Customized colour and lighten techniques are often requested in today's salon. Students enhance the knowledge and skills attained in the first level while integrating the principles of colour with specialized application techniques.

Prerequisite(s): HAI1018
Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2029 Style Hair II

Specialized skills and techniques are used to create today's styles. Students enhance the skills and knowledge attained in the first level while integrating new techniques through the use of specialized tools and methods, including hair smoothing applications.

Prerequisite(s): HAI1017 (1)
Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2030 Salon Operations I

Students are introduced to the day-to-day realities of their chosen profession while working within a campus salon; counselling and performing client hair services. This experiential learning application of salon practices and services reinforces the skills, competencies and expectations covered in previous courses.

Prerequisite(s): none

Corerequisite(s):none

HAI2033 Cut Hair II

Differentiating between sculpting components to achieve today's cuts, is a practical talent. Students enhance their skills and knowledge attained in the first level; while integrating new tools and techniques for sculpting combinations in applied barbering methods.

Prerequisite(s): HAI1016

Corerequisite(s):none

HAI3014 Colour and Lighten Hair III

Corrective colour and lightening is a sought after skill by both salons and clients. Students enhance the knowledge and skills attained within the first two levels while integrating corrective applications, as well as honing the overall technical abilities.

Prerequisite(s): HAI2028

Corerequisite(s):none

HAI3016 Salon Operations II

Students continue putting into practice salon procedures and services. Knowledge and skills covered in other courses are applied within this experiential learning environment.

Prerequisite(s): HAI1018 and HAI2029 and HAI2033 and HLT2013

Corerequisite(s):HAI2027 and HAI2028 and HAI3019

HAI3019 Textured Hair Services

Designing textured hair is achieved when the correct techniques, tools and products are chosen for the hair type and desired result. Students integrate cutting and styling techniques for textured hair as well as perform various chemical hair relaxing techniques as they apply to today's hair trends.

Prerequisite(s): HAI2029 and HAI2033

Corerequisite(s):none

HAI3020 Salon Operations III

Students continue putting into practice salon procedures and services. Knowledge and skills covered in other courses are applied within this experiential learning environment.

Prerequisite(s): HAI2027 and HAI2028 and HAI2033 and HAI3016 and HAI3019 (4)

Corerequisite(s):none

HAI3021 Cut Hair III

Demonstrating specific cutting and texturizing techniques to detail various lengths is a practiced talent. Students enhance the skills and knowledge attained in the first two levels while honing the technical abilities as they apply to today's trends.

Prerequisite(s): HAI2033

Corerequisite(s):none

HAI3022 Style Hair III

Creating specific styles for various hair lengths and occasions is a practiced talent. Students enhance the skills and knowledge attained in the first two levels while honing the technical abilities as they apply to today's trends.

Prerequisite(s): HAI2029
Corerequisite(s):none

HAI3023 Permanent Wave Hair II

Specialized skills and techniques are used to create today's textured looks. Students integrate current application methods through the use of specialized tools and techniques.

Prerequisite(s): HAI2027
Corerequisite(s):none

HLT1013 Entrepreneurial Skills I

Clients are the mainstay of any salon 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

HLT1017 Professional Development

The hair stylist industry is constantly evolving with new techniques and trends. Students recognize areas of professional growth and development through career goals and success strategies.

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

HLT1112 Health and Safety

Maintaining a healthy and safe environment is now recognized as an essential component of the wellness industry. Modern safety practitioners have a comprehensive understanding of relevant standards and legislation as well as professional ethical regulations associated within the wellness sector. Students examine and apply health and safety practices in accordance with relevant standards and legislation.

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

HLT2013 Preparatory Procedures II

Each salon service requires a specific preparatory procedure which is based on the type of hair and service being performed. Students enhance the skills and knowledge attained in the first level while incorporating specialized procedures for various salon services.

Prerequisite(s): HAI1014 (1)
Corerequisite(s):none

MGT2010 Entrepreneurial Skills II

Entrepreneurial techniques that promote a salon, including its services and products, are an essential role of a hair stylist. Students develop the skills required to contribute and promote successfully, within the overall operation of a salon.

Prerequisite(s): HLT1013
Corerequisite(s):none

MGT3007 Hair Additions

With the ever-growing popularity of hair addition services, skilled wig and extension technicians are in high demand. Students learn the basic foundation of hair additions by examining types of hair additions, as well as by performing various hair addition techniques.

Prerequisite(s): none

Corerequisite(s):none