The College of Cape Town Hairdressing Department offers three South African Qualification Authority (SAQA) Qualifications. These qualifications are fully accredited by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) with the quality control falling under the auspices of the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) which was previously administered via Programme Approval with the Services SETA. As one of the few Education and Training providers that have met all assessment and moderation requirements and certification endorsed by the Services SETA, our students are in possession of accredited educational qualifications when they exit that will be recognised both nationally and internationally.

The Hairdressing Level 2 qualification allows access to students after Grade 9 and/or post-matric. Young and/or mature learners will have the opportunity to follow a career in Hairdressing at a Vocational Continuous Educational and Training (VCET) College instead of following the formal school learning path for pre-matric study. The primary purpose of this qualification is to empower students with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values required to succeed in the hairdressing industry. These qualifications lay the foundation for lifelong learning as well as creating the opportunity for further education.

The course meets the National Qualifications Framework criteria and standards in terms of duration and structured work placement. The success of this placement ensures that students have relevant industry exposure during their studies. This equips them with all the relevant theoretical, practical and reflexive skills and competencies that make them marketable for employment or becoming self-employed.

These qualifications simultaneously provide the required fundamental learning to access related studies at further education level. After qualification and the required industry hours the student will have access into the Hairdressing Trade Test which is the highest National Qualification for Hairdressing in South Africa.

Career Options
What will I be qualified as once I’ve completed this course?
• You will become a qualified Stylist with general skills or a qualified Stylist specialising in specific areas of choice.

What will I be able to do?
Upon completion of this course, you will be able to supply services in:
• Basic and Advanced Hair Therapy
• Hair Styling
• Hair Colouring
• Salon Management
• Sales and Marketing
• Salon Reception Duties
• Hair Cutting
• Make-up
• Salon Administration
• Retailing
• Professional Customer Care
• Salon Support

In which industries will I be able to work?
• Cruise liners
• Industry-related consultancy
• Your own business
• Hairdressing Industry
• Industry-related sales and marketing
• Lecturing at an industry-related educational/training institution

What could I do to further improve my skills and my chances of furthering my career?
After completing this qualification at College you will be able to either start your own business within the industry or work towards promotion within your career by working within your field of study and gaining experience within the industry. As with any other career, you would need to work very hard to prove your skills and abilities, be dedicated and be prepared to continue learning throughout your career.
Programme Structure

What will I be studying during this course?

LEVEL 2 (YEAR 1)
- Salon Support Services
- Hairdressing Communication
- English Communication
- Health and Safety
- Computer Practice
- Salon Practice – College Simulator
- Salon Administration
- Mathematical Literacy
- First Aid
- HIV/AIDS
- Basic Hair Cutting Techniques
- In-service Training in Industry

LEVEL 3 (YEAR 2)
- Salon Support Services
- Hairdressing Communication
- English Communication
- Haircutting Techniques: Ladies and Gents
- Salon Practice – College Simulator
- Salon Administration
- Mathematical Literacy
- Make-up
- Hairstyling Techniques
- In-service Training in Industry

LEVEL 4 (YEAR 3)
- Salon Support Services
- Hairdressing Communication
- English Communication
- Chemical Services
- Make-up (History)
- Health and Safety
- Competition Techniques
- In-service Training in Industry
- Various product house training
- Life Skills (not applicable to part-time studies)
- Salon Administration
- Mathematical Literacy
- Afrikaans Communication
- HIV/AIDS
- Braiding, Dreadlocks and Hair Extensions
- Business Management
- Salon Practice – College Simulator
- Enrichment Courses in Years 1, 2 and 3
- Advanced Hairstyling Techniques

Admission Requirements

What do I need to have completed before I can apply to study this course?
- Grade 9 or equivalent
- Entry into Level 3 will require competency in all Level 2 unit standards.
- Entry into Level 4 will require competency in all Level 3 unit standards.

The following are required for admission into this course:
- Students must meet the personality profile of a prospective Hairdressing Candidate.
- Students must be physically fit.
- Students must have a placement salon to complete workplace training. Students attend college from Monday to Friday, but go to the workplace for practical training on the respective salon placement days.
- Students will be required to complete an assessment to determine their level of competence in literacy and numeracy, a placement test and to undergo an individual interview process to assess suitability prior to acceptance.

Duration
- 3 years full-time – 1 year per level
- Enrolment in January

Note: All sections of the full-time course are also available on a part-time basis through an apprentice model. Part-time studies are available for students employed full-time at a salon on an apprentice contract. Afrikaans Communication Classes offered on a Wednesday Morning.