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**Hair, Beauty, Make-up  
and Complementary Therapies**



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Now is the time to jump into the Hair and Beauty industry! This creative, compassionate and dynamic industry is expected to keep growing by the number of people it employs, as well as in the sheer amount of money it makes (estimated at £7.57 billion in the UK last year).

Trends like male grooming and eyebrow treatments are helping to provide new and exciting opportunities, and as fashions change, so do the openings in this sector. Beauty hacks, hair colours, eyebrow tutorial and nail trends are all hugely popular searches on Google, and the graphs show no sign of dropping down.

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This industry is not just about what happens in the salon. The retail/cosmetics industry constantly seeks to further understand how the skin and body works, and the job roles in this area are various and vast.

## Possible Careers

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Hair Stylist

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Colour Technician

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Spa Therapist

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Beauty Therapist

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Salon Owner

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Nail Technician

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Nail Enhancements Educator

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Industry Columnist and Blogger

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Holistic Therapist

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Holistic Clinical Practitioner

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Retail Make-up Consultant

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Make-up Artist/Blogger

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Theatre Production Make-up Artist

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Gents Barber

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# Leigh Anne Burns

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HND Beauty Therapy

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Pearl Tree Training Manager

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"I had two fantastic work experiences at College; one at Turnberry and one at Gleneagles. From both I was offered a job opportunity. I went to work and live at Gleneagles for two and a half years. I gained a lot of knowledge and 5 star standards working here, but when I got my third job offer from Dubai, I made the decision to relocate there and work as Head Therapist at an amazing spa on the Palm.

It was such a great experience for me but after a year and a half working there, I decided to go travelling. I wanted to understand a bit more about the nationalities I was working with. I visited six countries and I found myself teaching people how to do massage along the way.

While I was travelling, a company approached me on LinkedIn with a job and so I came back to Dubai to start my current role as Training Manager at Pearl Tree. I have worked in this role for three years now; I'm so lucky as I am travelling and training all over The GCC (Gulf Co-operation Council) and the Indian Ocean. It's been great exposure for me and I am doing a job I truly enjoy."

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## Mark Mitchell

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Hairdressing (Level 5)

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Owner – Cavemen Barbers

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“At College I started on a mechanical engineering course but after speaking with my lecturer and my regular barber, I decided to switch things up completely and take on a hairdressing course.

I worked with what you could probably describe as my mentor, Mich Rankin at Vintage Barbers in Kilmaurs, and studied for my hairdressing qualification

at the same time. I used all the skills I gained at College when I was working in the barber shop. For me, when you go from learning in the classroom to applying it in practice, that is when you really learn.

The highlight of College was definitely the support I got. Being in a room full of people that are committed to the same thing, can really spark something in you and you can find yourself lost in it again. My time spent at College will forever have an impact. What it taught me, I can take anywhere. If you come with the expectation of enjoying it - you will.

Now I have my own barber shop; Cavemen Barbers in Beith. Business is busy but I want to push it, see how far it can go. I have a 3-year plan and that involves more shops.”

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# Megan Mitchell

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HNC Make-up Artistry

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Instagram - MeganGrahxm

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"I have always been artistic but I was also really into science. I wanted to go to university to do microbiology but then I started to volunteer at Centrestage doing make-up. It was daunting at first but it made me realise that this is what I really wanted to do.

The highlight of my time at college is probably the AHT and World Skills competitions that I entered. It's such an amazing thing just to be a part of, and I doubt I would have got the chance had I not come to College.

I've got a passion now with my Instagram. I've done paintings and movie scenes or Van Gogh's art in my eyelid, but the album covers are a big hit. Some of them can take a couple of hours but it just depends on the complexity of the artwork. The most I have spent is about two hours on one eye.

I'm so glad I came to College and how far I've grown as a make-up artist and also within myself."



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# Nail your future

We have professional training and commercial salons boasting state-of-the-art technology and plush contemporary furnishing, providing a wonderful environment for our students to learn and our clients to enjoy.

Whether it's a CACI Non- Surgical Body Lift in our Beauty Salons, a Beard Trim in our Barber Bar, Neon Shellac in our Nail Bar, Sparkly Evening Make-up in our Studios, Relaxing Reflexology in our Therapy Rooms or Balayage Highlights in our Hair Salons, we can provide a full array of Beauty, Complementary Therapy, Nails, Barbering, Hairdressing and Make-up Artistry treatments to suit all individual needs.

Beauty

Complementary Therapies

Nails

Make-up

Barbering

Hairdressing

## Why choose Hair, Beauty, Make-up and Complementary Therapies?

- It's super creative. You'll have the opportunity to unleash your creative potential every day. Working with colours, kits, textures and different equipment, means being inventive is a daily reality.
- You're the boss. Going freelance couldn't be easier in this sector; from mobile barbering/hairdressing to owning your own nail salon or running a successful beauty training academy, the possibilities of working for yourself with the hours you choose are endless.
- It's hugely sociable. You will spend each day either lending an ear or chatting the hours away. As well as the pampering, most clients visit salons to de-stress. You may not know it at the time, but you can have a huge impact on someone and their confidence. If you have a natural ability to connect with people, this may just be the perfect industry for you!

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“My work is different because it is created through my eyes, with my experience, growing pains, and appreciation for both the beautiful and the unique. Hair is in a good place right now. You can be pink one day and blond the next day. Try it; it feels good.”

Daniel Moon

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# What are employers looking for?

It goes without saying that timekeeping, attention to detail and trustworthiness are all qualities that employers are looking for. But if you're planning to go that extra mile in the hair and beauty industry we'd recommend you work on these extra skills:

- Fashion-forward – Being aware of the latest trends, but most importantly, understanding how to turn those trends into styles.
- Digitally Smart - Knowing the basics of how to promote your work/creativity on social media will help set you apart from the rest.
- Problem Solving - From stock ordering to fixing an updo, being able to weigh your options and make smart decisions is something you'll have to do every day.
- Communication - Asking the right questions and communicating services, pricing and expectations is important in this industry. Communicating effectively requires an ability to listen, persuade and respond appropriately.
- Attitude - Work hard, accept or create opportunities and believe in yourself.



- Organisation and Planning - From creating a business plan or running your column, being organised is essential.
- Graciousness – Being able to accept constructive criticism and learning from it. As a service provider, you open yourself up to criticism that may seem unfair, but positives can be found in the harshest of criticism.

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Our courses are inclusively designed to provide entry, progression and exit points for all potential learners, regardless of previous experience or qualifications. What are you waiting for? Get in touch today if your dream is to work in the Hair, Barbering, Beauty, Complementary Therapies, Nails or Make-up Artistry Industry.

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You can progress onto a more advanced level in your chosen specialism or articulate to a degree programme, such as:

- BSc Integrative Healthcare and BDes (Hons), UHI
- BSc (Hons) Integrative Healthcare, UWS
- BDes (Hons) Special Make-up FX for Film and TV, Bolton University

Please check with each university for their articulation requirements prior to your UCAS application. Entry is subject to availability of places and meeting entry requirements, other options may also be available.

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