



### What is an Apprenticeship?

An Apprenticeship is a mix of real work and learning. Apprentices earn a wage and get experience whilst working towards a number of qualifications. An Intermediate Apprenticeship follows a Level 2 programme and can lead onto an Advanced Apprenticeship which is a Level 3 programme.

There are a number of elements to each Apprenticeship and this is called the framework. Each Apprenticeship framework has three main strands:

- Competence based strand
- Technical strand
- Functional Skills

The three strands are sometimes accompanied by additional qualifications to give the most relevant skills and knowledge required for the job.

### Duration

12 months for a Level 2 and 12-24 months for a Level 3 depending on previous experience and qualifications.

### Location

Mainly delivered and assessed in the workplace. Apprentices will be visited in the workplace by an Assessor who will assess their work and provide support whilst they complete this qualification, these visits will take place approx. every 4 weeks. There will also be a need to attend College and spend approximately 8 hours in College per week, timetabled over 1 day.

### Overview

In the UK there are 4,800 beauty salons, 36,000 hairdressing salons (5,800 of which offer beauty therapy treatments particularly those which, for example, are in hotels and leisure centres). There has been significant growth in the number of independent nail salons and spa facilities, also in the number of existing beauty therapy salons now offering an extended range of services including nail services and spa facilities. This Apprenticeship will provide learners with the skills needed to be a professional beauty therapist, able to offer a wide range of treatments to clients, with a clear understanding of how their performance is directly related to the success of the business and their own remuneration.

### Who is the course for?

These qualifications are suitable for individuals who already work within the beauty industry or who wish to start off a career in beauty. They also act as a platform to prepare for further learning or training and develop knowledge and skills in this subject area. Careers may take place in a variety of locations including beauty salons, hospitals, care homes, cruise ships, spas and health clubs or working freelance.

### *Example job roles as an Apprentice:*

Level 2- Junior beauty therapist, manicurist or skin care and make up consultant

Level 3- Beauty Therapist, electrolysis, masseur/masseuse or make-up artists