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be amazing

# THEATRICAL AND MEDIA MAKE-UP







# About us

**Make-up is power. It's the power to change your appearance and the power to change how you're seen. It's the power to shape how you feel and how people feel about you.**

Take it to the next level and make-up is the power to shape the very world we see.

Make-up artists in theatre and media have the power to make us believe. These are the artists who turn the ordinary into the extraordinary – who transform people you might see on the street into the people you see on the screen.

These are the professionals with the power to create media superstars, soldiers on World War II battlefields, aristocrats in 19th century ballrooms, models in Manhattan penthouses and aliens in menacing spaceships.

We don't see the work of these artists – we believe it. We feel it.

The Manchester College is where you learn to develop that power. Here is where you go beyond transforming a look to taking us back in time, building international superstars and creating the things of dreams and nightmares.

You'll gain skills in professional-standard make-up, learning what it's like to work on make-up for photography, film and television, and special effects with the latest industry products and technology.

You'll be guided by seasoned industry professionals who've worked on film and TV sets and at top events like London Fashion Week, and you'll hear from experts from leading brands and join masterclasses.

You'll work with aspiring media and theatrical talent, providing make-up and styling support for live sets and productions for our Visual Arts and Performing Arts departments.

The Manchester College will give you the opportunity to gain work experience with paying clients in our Studios of Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy and Make-up, and enjoy work placements at professional studios, high street stores and entertainment events.

If you want the power to make it real, this is your next step. All you need is some creative flair and a desire to make us see it, feel it and believe it.





**If you've achieved the necessary entry requirements prior to joining us, or during your time in our Centre of Excellence, you may be able to progress into our Industry Excellence Academy for Theatrical and Media Make-up.**

Working so closely with employers means you'll benefit from courses that are aligned with current industry skills demands as well as a range of industry-level activities and lessons.

This will include masterclasses and lessons delivered by industry experts, visits from guest speakers at the forefront of the industry and being tasked with 'live briefs' that will see you working on the kind of projects you'd be completing once you begin your career in the industry.

Once you complete your journey in our Industry Excellence Academy for Theatrical and Media Make-up you will have the qualifications you need to take the next steps towards an amazing career as well as the experience and skills that will help you stand out to future employers.





# Courses

## Level 2 | Hair and Media Make-up Artistry (Technical) | 16-18 / 19+

### Harpurhey | One Year

This course has been developed collaboratively with employers to ensure the skills you learn are up to date and relevant to those you'll need within the industry.

You'll gain the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills to complete assessments and to plan for and provide make-up applications and hair preparation services. Through this qualification you'll study the following units:

- Art of photographic make-up
- Health and safety
- Create an image based on a theme
- Art of dressing hair
- Temporary hair colour
- Shaping and colouring eyebrows
- Make-up application
- Body art
- Plaiting and twisting hair.



## Level 3 | Theatrical and Media Make-up (Technical) | 16-18

### Harpurhey | One Year

This course has been developed collaboratively with employers to ensure the skills you learn are up to date and relevant to those you'll need within the industry.

You'll gain the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills to complete assessments and to pursue a career as an employed and/or self-employed make-up artist, providing hair and make-up services in the media, theatre, performing arts, fashion and photographic industries.

Through this qualification you'll study the following units:

- Airbrush
- Fashion and photographic make-up
- Media make-up
- Camouflage
- Style and fit postiche
- Style and dress
- Body art.





We passionately believe in helping you reach your ultimate goal, focusing on your future employability and developing the skills you need to have a successful career.

If you're aged 16-18, our Centre of Excellence for Theatrical and Media Make-up is set up to help you do just that!

### Study Programme

You'll join our Centre of Excellence for Theatrical and Media Make-up when you enrol on any of our qualifications at Level 2 or Level 3.

If you haven't already obtained a Grade 4 GCSE or the equivalent Functional Skills at Level 2 in English or maths, you'll study to achieve this level of qualification alongside your course. If you have a Grade 3, you will study a GCSE resit.

Alternatively, if you have anything lower than a Grade 3 then we will help you to develop your English and maths through Functional Skills.

This is a mandatory requirement and it's also essential that you achieve this for many careers and universities.

### Employability

To prepare you for your future career, you'll take part in a range of 'employability' activities to equip you with knowledge and experience of careers available to you.



### Employability Sessions

You'll be assigned an Employability Tutor and will take part in dedicated 'employability' sessions, which will help equip you with the skills you'll need to thrive in the workplace.

### Work Experience Placement

If you join our Centre of Excellence you'll spend between 24 and 35 hours working in external workplaces across the region, while if you join our Industry Excellence Academy you'll complete at least 105 hours of work experience.

During your work experience you'll assist with day-to-day tasks and shadow staff to develop your skills and broaden your knowledge of the industry.

### Industry Placement

You may be able to apply for an industry placement offering more than 315 hours of experience with a leading employer.

An industry placement gives you in-depth knowledge of the industry, allows you to gain hands-on experience and gives you an insight into career pathways.

With a placement, you're taking that all important first step onto the ladder; many of our students even go on to gain paid employment with their industry placement employer at the end of the year.

### Work-Related Activity

You'll enjoy opportunities to learn more about the industry and build experience and connections by taking part in exciting activities such as:

- Make-up and styling support on working sets and productions for our Creative and Digital Media and Performing Arts departments
- Regional, national and even international competitions with organisations such as GM Skills, Professional Beauty North, Beauty UK, the Association of Hairdressers and Therapists, and World Skills
- Pampering and make-up events and sessions
- Make-up masterclasses and guest speakers from leading brands such as Kryolan, NYX and Morphe and make-up artists like Gillian Walsh - who has worked on ITV and BBC productions
- Trips and visits to leading brands and events like London Fashion Week.





# Courses

**Are you creative? Do you have a passion for the film, television and theatre industry? Want to work on set or at a photoshoot? Then our Centre of Excellence for Theatrical and Media Make-up is for you.**

All of our study programmes provide an opportunity for you to develop a variety of practical, theoretical and employability skills. You will get excellent training from our dedicated and experienced staff and work with industry professional brands.

Plus, as part of the study programme, you will perfect your skills in our training studios and work on in-house productions to help you gain confidence, along with entering competitions to showcase your skills.

**Level 2 | Hair and Media Make-up | 16-18 / 19+**

**Harpurhey / Wythenshawe | One Year**

This qualification has been specifically designed to enable you to learn both aspects of hairdressing and media make-up. Through this qualification you'll study the following units:

- Follow health and safety practice in the salon
- Client care and communication in beauty related industries
- Make-up application
- The art of photographic make-up
- The art of dressing hair
- Cut women's hair
- Create an image based on a theme within the hair and beauty sector
- Client consultation for hair services
- Body art design
- Colour hair using temporary colour
- Shampoo and condition the hair and scalp
- Make and style a hair addition.





### Level 3 | Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair and Media Make-up | 16-18 / 19+

#### Harpurhey / Wythenshawe | One Year

This qualification has been specifically designed to develop your practical skills to an advanced level through a variety of techniques.

During this course you'll develop your skills as a professional make-up artist working with performers to a high level of occupational ability to enable you to provide hair and make-up services in the media, theatre, performing arts, fashion and photographic industries.

Through this qualification you'll study the following units:

- Monitor and maintain health and safety practice in the salon
- Client care and communication in beauty related industries
- Apply airbrush make-up to the face
- Camouflage make-up
- Media make-up
- Fashion and photographic make-up
- Style and fit postiche
- Apply prosthetic pieces and bald caps
- Design and apply face and body art
- Style and dress hair using a variety of techniques
- Production arts planning.





# SUPPORTED LEARNING

Promoting independence  
through accessibility and  
inclusion

Have you received learning support in the past? Do you have an Education, Health and Care Plan or an identified Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) need? Our Supported Learning team can help students with SEND to achieve their aspirational career goals.

We provide a highly personalised offer for students to create a supportive learning environment for all. Whatever course you choose to study, our provision is specifically designed to support you on your journey to independence and into further education or employment.

Find out more about how we can help you:  
[tmc.ac.uk/supported-learning](https://tmc.ac.uk/supported-learning)





# We'll help you Accelerate2industry

As soon as you enrol on a Theatrical and Media Make-up course, we'll start talking to you about the opportunities that could be open to you in the future.

To guide you through the process and help you achieve your aspirational career goals, we've teamed up with our higher education partner, UCEN Manchester, on an exciting initiative.



Ultimately, the aim of Accelerate2Industry is to help you progress into either, higher study, higher education with UCEN Manchester, or your chosen career.

The initiative runs throughout the academic year and there are three distinct phases:

## Step 1 - Plan >>>

Find out the options available to you at the end of your study programme.

## Step 2 - Pass >>>

Your tutors will speak to you about what you're planning on doing next year and support you to secure the grades you need to move on to the next phase of your journey.

## Step 3 - Progress >>>

Your tutors will ensure you have all of the information and support you need to re-join us in September or progress on to university, employment or an apprenticeship.

## Progressors Award >>>

Do you want to study with a higher education provider that offers something a little bit different and delivers courses that are career focussed and lead you straight into employment? If so, our Progressors Award is just for you.

The award is open to all Level 3 students at The Manchester College that upon completion of their course enrol onto a higher education course at UCEN Manchester. The Progressors Award is currently £200. Please check the amount, eligibility, and terms and conditions ahead of making your progressors application to UCEN Manchester during your final year of Level 3 study.



## DEGREE LEVEL

Once you've completed one of our Level 3 Diplomas, you'll have the opportunity to progress onto our degree level qualifications through our higher education partner – UCEN Manchester.

### **Foundation Degree**

This is a two-year course, that allows you to progress onto a one-year (Top-up) degree to obtain an honours degree.

**FdA Make-up Artistry - 2 years**

**FdA Special Effects Make-up Artistry - 2 years**

### **Top Up**

This is a one-year course for qualified Level 5 students to gain an honours degree.

**BA (Hons) Make-up Artistry - 1 year**

**BA (Hons) Special Effects Make-up Artistry - 1 year**



For more information or to apply  
visit [ucenmanchester.ac.uk](https://ucenmanchester.ac.uk)



# Careers



## **Photographic Stylist**

**Starting salary: £14,000**

**Salary with experience: £30,000**

A photographic stylist, or media stylist, helps the photographer set the scene for a photograph or shoot to capture the mood, style and atmosphere that the photographer wants.

You would study briefs from photographers and carry out research for shoots, which could be for an advert in a catalogue, a magazine feature or a publicity shot for a fashion show. You'd sketch your ideas, either by hand or using a computer, to show others such as the art director and scene builders.

On a shoot, you'd be responsible for choosing props and finding out where you can hire, borrow or buy them, keeping stock of regularly-used props such as decorative items or fashion accessories and arranging the set, discussing lighting effects with the lighting technicians and making sure everything is in the right place.



## **Special Effects Make-up Artist**

**Starting salary: £18,000**

**Salary with experience: £40,000**

Special effects make-up is one of the most interesting and challenging career paths for a make-up artist. While most make-up artists work to make people more beautiful, special effects make-up artists are often trusted to do the opposite. Using your skill and creativity, you'd apply cosmetics and prosthetics to create the appearance of bruises, cuts, blood, old age, deformities, or mutations - or even turn people into creatures, monsters and aliens.

As a special effects make-up artist, you'll work with film, television and stage directors to determine how they imagine characters and scenes. Each day, actors will report to hair and make-up to have you work your magic on them.

You'll work with special make-ups and prosthetics crafted from silicone, latex, rubber and use your know-how to create moulds and casts, and safely apply prosthetics to your client.

Your skills will be highly sought after, and not just by TV, film and theatre; theme parks, cruise ships, Halloween costume companies, special effects laboratories and beauty schools often turn to special effects make-up artists.



## **Theatrical Make-up Artist**

**Starting salary: £18,000**

**Salary with experience: £40,000**

Theatrical make-up artists apply make-up to performers to reflect the period, setting and situation of each role. They also apply make-up to enhance or alter the appearance of people appearing in productions such as movies.

You'll work with stage or motion picture officials and performers to determine the effects that are needed. You'll study production information like character descriptions, period settings and situations to determine make-up requirements.

You'll also analyse scripts, looking for events that would affect each character's appearance so you could make plans for each scene.



# Meet the team

With a wealth of experience across the theatrical and media make-up industry, our team is perfectly placed to support and guide you to a successful career.

You'll learn from their experiences running and owning their own salons as well as working with some of the leading brands in the industry.



**Jill Riley**  
**Assistant Principal**

Jill has worked in Further Education for over 30 years and has a specialist background in the skincare, beauty and health industries. She is passionate about enabling students to be the best they can be and helping them to gain exciting and fulfilling careers.



**Jacqui Taylor**  
**Head of Department**

Jacqui joined the College as Head of Department for Hair and Beauty in 2023 with over 40 years experience in the beauty, holistic and hair industry and more than 32 years in education. She began her career working in a salon, gaining experience and developing her knowledge in a range of roles before owning her own hair salon for 17 years. She is passionate about education and believes that all learners should have the opportunity to develop their skills, behaviours, attitudes, and values to support their progression into the industry.



**Lisa Breakey**  
**Department Team Leader**

Lisa has more than 30 years experience working and teaching in the industry having worked as a hairstylist and head hairstylist as well as a wig stylist providing services for TV, theatres and the NHS.

Lisa has dedicated over 15 years to teaching a range of hair and media make-up programmes at further education level and is focused on ensuring each learner receives an equal opportunity to reach their full potential as the next generation of stylists, therapists and business owners.



**Hannah Feely**  
**Media Make-up Tutor**

Hannah has more than ten years industry experience, working for agencies and Bobbi Brown Cosmetics, specialising in bridal and special occasion make-up. She's passionate about learners gaining good quality work experience and the employability skills needed to join this ever-changing and high pressured industry. She has a BA (Hons) degree in Fashion and Media Make-up Artistry and a Postgraduate Diploma in Management and Leadership within Education.



# Our locations

Our Theatrical and Media Make-up Departments at our Harpurhey and Wythenshawe campuses share state-of-the-art, industry-standard facilities with our Hair and Beauty Department.

At both Harpurhey and Wythenshawe, you'll train in our Studios of Hairdressing, Beauty and Make-up, where you'll hone your make-up artistry and customer service skills before putting what you have learnt into practice, working with real paying clients.

You'll have access to professionally equipped make-up studios, photography studios, and industry-standard make-up and special effect materials and tools, including products from leading brands like Kryolan, Fenty Beauty, NYX and KVD.



- 1 Harpurhey Campus**  
Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, Manchester, M9 4AF
- 2 Wythenshawe Campus**  
Brownley Rd, Wythenshawe, Manchester, M22 9UH



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## What our students say

“I created make-up and effects that I never thought would have been possible. This has helped me explore and further develop my creative side.”

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Lauren Clarke, Hair and Media Make-up

“Tutors at The Manchester College made me realise my true potential and how I can further develop myself to a successful career within the industry. They have always been very supportive and gave me excellent advice and guidance.”

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Georgia Blinkhorn, Hair and Media Make-up

“Studying at The Manchester College has boosted my confidence so much. My tutor supported me throughout and taught me every technique she knows. I now use all the make-up skills I gained.”

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Aaliyah Walter, Theatrical and Media Make-up

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# Q&A with Gillian Walsh

**When you join either our Industry Excellence Academy or Centre of Excellence for Theatrical and Media Make-up you'll have the chance to enjoy work-related opportunities that will help you learn more about the make-up industry, gain experience and build connections.**

This includes masterclasses with make-up artists working in the industry and several brands including Fenty Beauty, KVD and MAC. You may be assessed by not only tutors but makeup designers such as our former student Gillian Walsh (pictured below) – who has worked on shows for the BBC such as Death in Paradise and currently holds the respected role of Makeup Designer for ITV's Coronation Street.



**Why did you become a make-up artist and how did you get started in the industry?**

Hair and Make-up wasn't a career choice from school age. My dream job came at 16 when after years of being a successful amateur Irish dancer I was chosen to be in the cast of Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance.

We wore wigs and needed to do our own hair and make-up so I was thrown right into the deep end. I was making up the lead dancers and coming up with new ways to style our wigs and found I enjoyed this so much I decided to leave the show and train to be a professional hair and make-up artist.

**What qualifications have you completed and how important have they been in your career?**

I studied at the College gaining a VTCT Level 2 in Media Hair & Make-Up. I've also got qualifications in Barbering, Hairstyling, SFX and Wig Making. I have been working in the TV and film industry for 20 years and still train regularly to keep my skills fresh and up to date.

**What has been the highlight of your career so far?**

Being back at the place I was a trainee as Head of the Hair and Make-up on Coronation Street. I have also enjoyed travelling the world with my work for the BBC's Death in Paradise and ITV's Good Karma Hospital, life experiences I'll treasure forever.

**What are your top tips for learners aiming to work in make-up and media make-up in future?**

My best advice is to keep going and keep positive. Make yourself hireable in a massively competitive industry by never losing your drive to learn. Contact make-up designers you see on the TV credits of your favourite show and ask their advice.

Sign up for online evening courses, work Saturdays in your local salon, or contact photographers and offer to work for free in return for portfolio pictures.

Do hair and make-up for friends and family and post shots on social media, show how adaptable you are with other skin tones and hair types.

It's not as glamorous as it sounds at times, it's hard work and long hours but nothing beats the job satisfaction and your name on that credit at the end!





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# How to apply

Applying to study at The Manchester College is really easy. Just follow these steps and you will be on your journey to amazing in no time.



## Step 1

Visit **tmc.ac.uk**



## Step 2

Choose a course, apply at an open event, online or mobile



## Step 3

Receive a conditional offer



## Step 4

Book to attend an interview



## Step 5

Register to attend our New Student Welcome Day in July (16-18 only)



## Step 6

We will invite you to enrol in September after you receive your results (if applicable)





# What's Next?

## Find out more and apply

To find out more about Theatrical and Media Make-up at The Manchester College and to apply scan the QR code or visit: **[tmc.ac.uk/make-up](https://tmc.ac.uk/make-up)**



## Visit us

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