



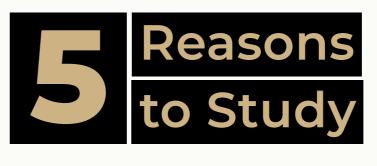




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Study Hair, Beauty & Make-up at The Manchester College



Get career ready from day one

Our courses are designed with employability in mind, giving you real-world skills for roles in hairdressing, barbering, beauty therapy, media make-up and more - all linked to Greater Manchester's thriving hair, beauty and make-up sector.



Learn from industry experts

You'll be taught by experienced tutors who bring real hair, beauty and make-up knowledge into the classroom, helping you understand what employers are looking for right now. Find out more about your tutors on our website: tmc.ac.uk/hair-beauty.



Experience hair, beauty and make-up in action

Through work placements, employer-led projects and visits to top employers, you'll build practical experience that looks great on your CV.



Discover what inspires you

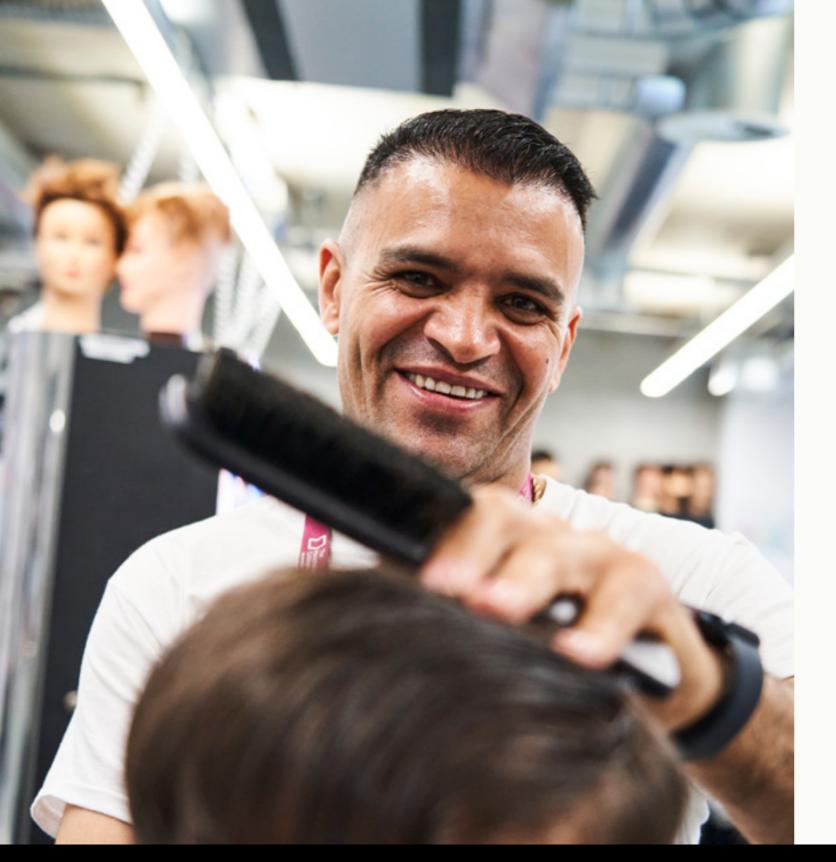
Start with a solid hair, beauty and make-up foundation, then specialise in areas that match your goals and interests as you progress - from creative hair styling and colouring to advanced beauty therapy, media make-up and special effects.



Go beyond the classroom

Take part in enrichment activities, enterprise challenges and networking events that develop your confidence, leadership and problem-solving skills - all key for success in the hair, beauty and make-up sector.







Job figures

There were approx. 10,765 employees working in the hair, beauty and make-up sector in Greater Manchester in 2025. This is predicted to increase by 0.8% by 2028.



Average earnings

The average wage nationally ranges from £19,000 to £30,000 per year (2024).



Replacement demand

Around 1,227 of the current workforce will be reaching retirement in the next 10 years, meaning those jobs will need replacing.

Types of jobs
Barber
Beauty Consultant
Beauty Therapist
Customer Service Assistant
Hairdresser
Make-Up Artist
Nail Technician
Sales Representatives
Salon Manager
Tattooist and Body Piercer

Skills needed
Communication
Customer relationship management
Customer service
Detail oriented
Management
Problem solving
Product knowledge
Professionalism
Sales
Trend awareness

Examples of GM Employers	
L'Oreal	
RUSH Hair & Beauty	
Sahra Beauty	
Shartez Hair Design	
The Beauty Code Salon	
THG	
Toys Hair and Beauty Salon	
Two Faced Cosmetics	
Virgin Active	
Wella Studios Manchester	

Data sourced from Lightcast and National Careers Service April 2025.

Careers information





Where to find us

With excellent transport links, modern classrooms and vibrant social spaces, you can study Hair, Beauty and Make-up courses at a number of campuses across Manchester.

Our facilities are equipped with all the latest technology and equipment as well as the latest products from brands like Wella, Eve Taylor, NYX and MAC Cosmetics.



- Modern hairdressing and barbering salons where students train in a professional setting
- Specialist beauty therapy and make-up rooms designed to replicate real salons
- A dedicated nail bar offering hands-on practice in nail treatments
- Two libraries with dedicated study areas and quiet zones
- Refectory serving hot and cold food options
- Spacious social areas and large garden.







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- Student-run restaurant
- Spacious library with IT access and study areas
- Starbucks coffee shop and on-site refectory.

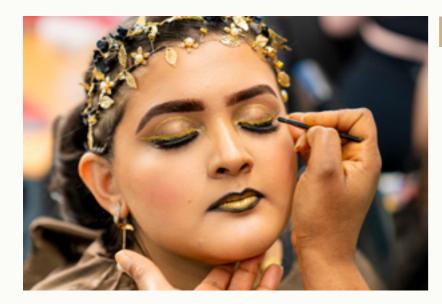




Get career ready with us

We're here to help you achieve your goals and get career-ready. Our courses are designed with top employers to focus on in-demand skills.

From day one, you'll gain hands-on experience to build confidence. By the end, you'll have the qualifications, knowledge, and experience to stand out and take the next step in your career.



Building your employability

To get you career-ready, you'll take part in activities that boost your skills and understanding of the world of work. You'll be supported by a dedicated Employability Co-ordinator who will support you to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours you'll need to thrive in the workplace.

Real-world experience that counts

As part of your course, you'll complete work experience with an employer. We'll help you find a placement where you can:

- Shadow professionals and see how the job is done day-to-day
- Contribute to real projects that develop your skills and strengthen your CV
- **Grow in confidence** as you put learning into action.

Many of our students make such a strong impression that they even secure part-time or full-time jobs with their placement provider!

We work with leading employers to deliver our placements, including:









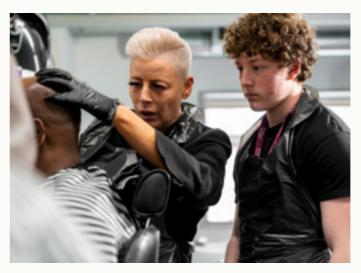




Discover where hair, beauty and make-up can take you

We'll introduce you to a wide range of career options in the hair, beauty and media make-up sector through:

- Supporting live sets and productions with our Creative, Digital Media and Performing Arts teams
- Competing in top regional, national and international competitions like WorldSkills and Professional Beauty North
- Learning from industry experts through guest talks and masterclasses
- You'll benefit from our exclusive partnership with ABLE Andrew Barton London Education.





This will help you decide which path to take after your course – whether that's progressing to degree-level study with our higher education partner UCEN Manchester, starting an apprenticeship, going straight into employment, setting up your own salon or working freelance.



Courses

We offer qualifications from Level 1 to Level 3. If you haven't already obtained a Grade 4 GCSE in English or maths, you'll study to work towards achieving this qualification.

Hairdressing

Hair Skills

Level 2 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Step into the world of hairdressing and build the essential skills to kickstart your career or apprenticeship. You'll master practical techniques like shampooing, blowdrying, basic cutting, plaiting, twisting, and semi-permanent colouring, alongside creative themed hair designs. Hands-on training with professional tools will ensure that you gain confidence and polish your craft. Plus, you'll learn vital customer service and salon health and safety practices — all designed to prepare you for success in this vibrant and creative industry.

Hairdressing

Level 3 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Take your hairdressing skills to the next level with this advanced qualification designed to develop your creativity and technical expertise. You'll refine cutting, styling and colouring techniques while mastering client consultations. The course also offers optional specialist units such as colour correction, creative hair extensions and promotional activity planning. With a strong focus on professional practice and innovation, this diploma equips you with the skills and confidence needed to succeed and stand out in the dynamic hairdressing industry.

Hairdressing

Level 2 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

This qualification develops your practical skills and knowledge in women's hairdressing, including cutting, dressing, shampooing, conditioning, colouring and lightening. You'll learn to consult effectively with clients while understanding relevant anatomy, health and safety, and legislation. The course also enhances your communication, customer service and commercial skills, plus awareness of environmental sustainability. Designed to prepare you for salon work, it ensures you have the confidence and ability to perform a range of professional hairdressing services independently.

Barbering

Barbering

Level 3 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Advance your barbering career by mastering a range of professional skills including creative cutting, facial hair design and client consultations. You'll learn to safely manage work operations and promote additional services and products. Optional units offer opportunities to develop shaving techniques, hair pattern designs, colouring methods and permed effects. This practical, industry-aligned qualification prepares you to work confidently as a skilled barber, ready to meet the demands of a modern barbershop environment.

Barbering

Level 2 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Gain the core skills and knowledge needed to begin a career in barbering with this hands-on qualification, recognised by the British Barbering Association (BBA). You'll learn the creative techniques of cutting men's hair and facial hair, alongside client consultation skills and key health and safety practices. Designed to meet high industry standards, this course will develop your confidence, technical ability and understanding of professional barbering — giving you the foundation to work competently in a barbershop or progress to further training.

Beauty Therapy

Beauty Therapy

Level 3 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Build advanced skills and expertise to thrive as a professional beauty therapist. You'll explore a broad range of beauty treatments while deepening your knowledge of anatomy, physiology, client care and health and safety. Learn to work confidently with modern salon and spa products and equipment, ensuring high industry standards. By the end of the course, you'll be fully equipped to launch a rewarding career in the dynamic and inspiring beauty therapy sector.

Beauty Therapy

Level 2 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Start building your career as a junior beauty therapist with a qualification that covers all the essentials — from facials and waxing to manicures, pedicures and lash and brow treatments. You'll gain valuable experience in client care, consultation and health and safety, with optional units including tanning, make-up and salon reception duties to broaden your skills. Designed to reflect real salon environments, this course gives you a strong foundation for further training or entry-level roles in the beauty industry.

Beauty Skills

Level 2 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Kick-start your beauty career with this hands-on course, designed to develop essential practical skills and industry knowledge. You'll learn core techniques including basic manicure, pedicure, skincare, nail art, face painting, eyebrow shaping and photographic make-up, alongside creativity through themed image creation. The programme also covers vital areas such as health and safety, client care, retail promotion and working in the hair and beauty industry. This qualification prepares you for further training or entry-level roles in the beauty sector.

Make-up

Hair and Media Make-up

Level 2 | Harpurhey | 1 year

This hands-on course combines key skills in both hairdressing and media make-up, giving you a strong foundation for creative careers in the industry. You'll cover make-up application, photographic make-up, body art and hair styling techniques like plaiting, twisting and creating themed looks. You'll also develop salon-ready skills in client care, consultation and health and safety. With opportunities to explore hair additions and styling for media, this qualification prepares you for further study or a future in hair and make-up artistry.

Theatrical, Special Effects and Hair and Media Make-up

Level 3 | Harpurhey | 1 year

This advanced course prepares you for a creative career in hair and make-up artistry across media, fashion, theatre and performance. You'll master make-up, body art, hair styling, special effects, prosthetics and postiche, while developing salon-ready skills in client care, consultation and health and safety. You'll also explore production arts planning and styling for media. With a strong focus on industry techniques and creative practice, this qualification is ideal for progressing into work or further study.

My favourite part is media make-up, it's experimental and creative with no limits. I've learnt precision lining, client care, sectioning hair and attended conferences that boosted my confidence and professionalism."

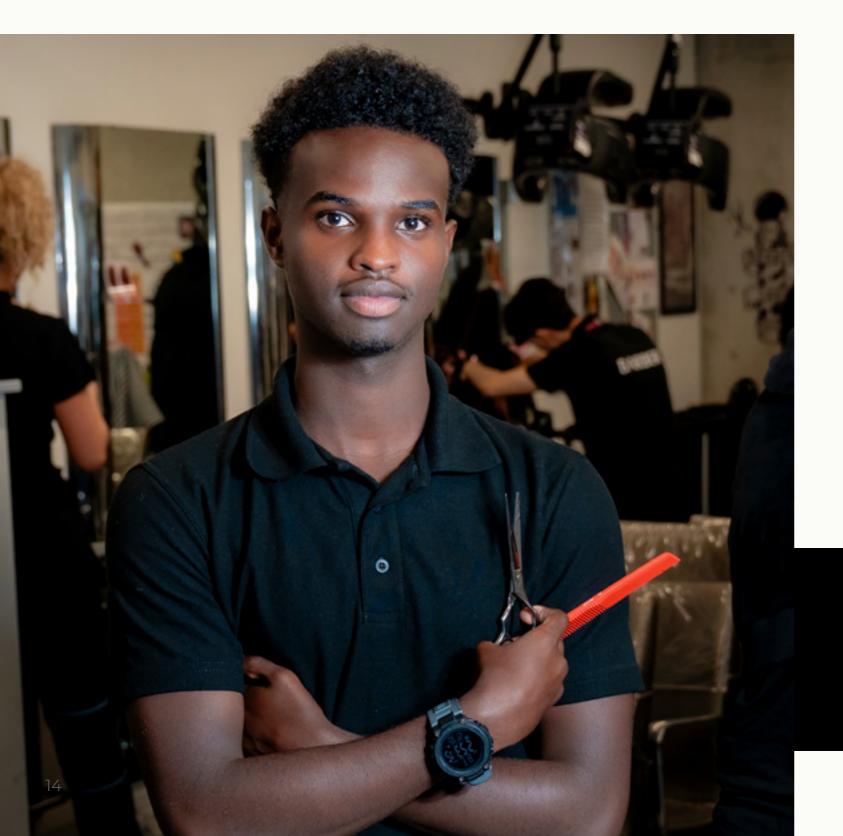


Levi Level 2 Hair and Media Make-up

Courses for Adults

Are you aged over 19 and looking to upskill, retrain or progress your skills in hair, beauty and make-up? We've got a wide range of courses for you to help strengthen your CV, start a new career or go further in your current role.

We believe finances shouldn't be a barrier to your success, so if you have any questions about course fees, finance or funding, then get in touch with us.



Hair Skills

Level 2 | Harpurhey

Hair and Media Make-up

Level 2 | Harpurhey & Wythenshawe

Hair Skills

Level 2 | Harpurhey

Cosmetic Make-up

Level 2 | Harpurhey

Hair and Media Make-up

Level 2 | Harpurhey

Photographic Make-up

Level 2 | Wythenshawe

Barbering

Level 2 & 3 | Harpurhey & Wythenshawe

Hairdressing

Level 2 & 3 | Harpurhey & Wythenshawe

Fashion, Theatre and Media Hair and

Make-up Studies | Level 3 | Harpurhey

Beauty Skills

Level 2 | Harpurhey & Wythenshawe

Beauty Therapy

Level 2 & 3 | Harpurhey & Wythenshawe

Nail Technology

Level 2 & 3 | Harpurhey & Wythenshawe

Introduction to Aesthetics

Level 3 | Wythenshawe

Swedish Massage

Level 3 | Wythenshawe





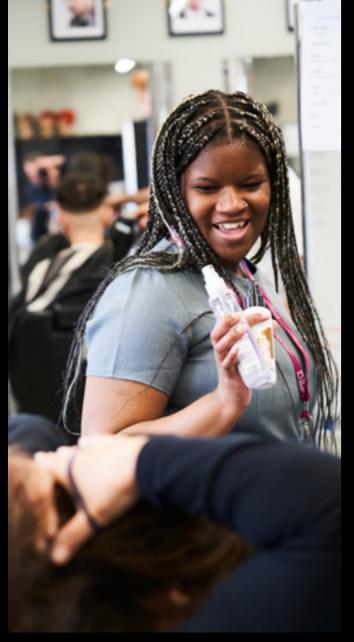
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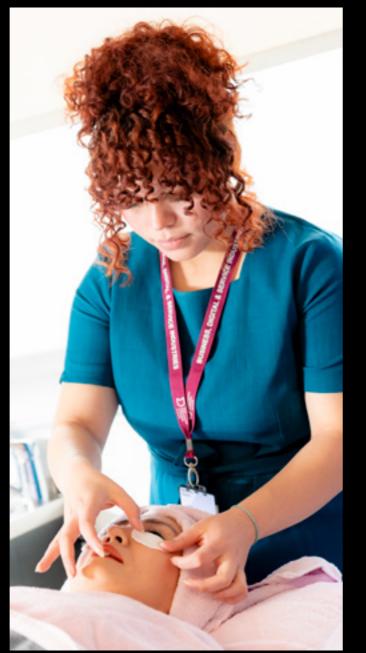
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NORTH AND SOUTH MANCHESTER STUDIO OF HAIRDRESSING, BEAUTY AND MAKE-UP

Get a fresh cut, a trending style, new set of nails, an amazing make-over or enjoy a relaxing pampering session from the next generation of hairdressers, barbers, make-up artists and beauty therapists in our fully equipped, state-of-the-art studios.

Open to students, staff and the general public.

GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE INFORMATION,
TO REQUEST A TREATMENT PRICE LIST
OR TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT OR CONSULTATION.

North Manchester Studio of Hairdressing, Beauty and Make-up

Harpurhey Campus, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, Manchester, M9 4AF

0161 674 3209

South Manchester Studio of Hairdressing, Beauty and Make-up

Wythenshawe Campus, Brownley Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester, M22 9UH

0161 674 8231

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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







Additional Learning Support Team: specialistsupport@tmc.ac.uk
Transition Team: transitionteam@tmc.ac.uk





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 - Two years

FdA Special Effects Make-up Artistry - Two years

Top-Up

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

BA (Hons) Make-up Artistry - One year

BA (Hons) Special Effects Make-up Artistry - One year.



For more information or to apply visit ucenmanchester.ac.uk



How to apply

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



What's next?

You've explored what's possible, now it's time to take your next steps.

To discover more about Hair, Beauty and Make-up, and to start your application, scan the QR code or visit: tmc.ac.uk/hair-beauty.





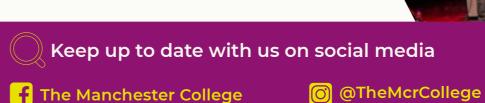
Visit us

There's no better way to get a feel for college than visiting in person.

Join us at one of our open events to:

- Learn more about our courses
- Tour our industry-standard facilities
- Meet our expert tutors
- Ask any questions you may have.

Secure your place now: tmc.ac.uk/events







Contact Us

Got a question about one of our courses, about The Manchester College or just need to get in touch? Contact us:

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03333 222 444

All course information is correct at the time of publication and may be subject to change. For the latest details, please visit tmc.ac.uk.



The Manchester College is committed to equality of opportunity, non-discriminatory practices and supporting individual learners. This information is also available in a range of formats, such as large print, on request.