At Squire's hair training Academy, we love what we do, and it shows.

The Academy is located within our award winning busy shop with separate barbers, ladies, and training departments.

Small classes

We have small classes and a maximum of 5 students in each group, meaning you receive greater individual support with your training than you would in a college environment or a larger Academy.

We also don't do classroom learning! You are learning a practical, vocational trade and it needs to be on the shop floor in a working salon environment seeing how the salon operates on a day to day basis and interacting with real clients building your confidence as well as your skill level.

Combine this with the 30+ years' experience of our staff it's a hard one to beat!

Meet the team

Sharon

Sharon is a barber and hairdresser, qualified to level 3, as well as having a teaching degree and Assessor qualification, she has been working in education for the last 16+ years and the industry for 30+ years, some of that time spent as a hairdresser and some as a barber.

Dan

Dan is qualified hairdresser and barber to level 3 as well a qualified Assessor. Dan as worked in the barbering industry for 11 years.

Mick

Mick is a qualified level 3 barber, hairdresser and assessor with 30 years' experience in barbering on the shop floor.

All our teaching staff work on the shop floor every week.

You will also meet our shop staff during your time with us who will only be to welcome to help you with anything.

You'll be in safe hands!

There is also the opportunity to come and shadow on the shop floor in your chosen department by arrangement each week.

We provide a 0% finance payment plan on all our courses with monthly payments over a period of time to make it affordable for you. A 20% deposit is required to secure your place.

Level 3 Hairdressing Diploma

Who is this qualification for?

The VTCT Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing is a technical level qualification for learners seeking a career as an employed and/or self-employed hairdresser/stylist. This qualification is based on Hairdressing National Occupational Standards (NOS) and is recognised by the UK's lead hairdressing professional association (The Hairdressing Council) as being fit for purpose for preparing learners for a career as a senior hairdresser/stylist. Learners should hold a Level 2 qualification in hairdressing prior to undertaking this qualification.

Why is this qualification most suitable?

This qualification forms part of a suite of hairdressing qualifications. This qualification is of similar size to the VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing. Whilst both qualifications qualify learners to become senior hairdressers/stylists, this qualification requires learners to work in a commercial hairdressing salon whereby assessments must be carried out on real paying clients in line with commercial service times.

In contrast, the VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing and VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing Studies (we don't deliver these) can be achieved through gathering evidence in a college's realistic working environment without the necessity for real paying clients.

Hence, the VTCT Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing is for learners seeking to work in, and develop their skills in a commercial setting, and can only be delivered by Academies or colleges that have, or have access to a **'real'** salon, and not a realistic working environment.

What does this qualification cover?

This qualification builds on existing knowledge and understanding of hairdressing and will develop an enhanced repertoire of technical skills to prepare learners for employment as a senior hairdresser/stylist. Learners will work in and have their hairdressing skills assessed in a 'real' commercial salon.

This qualification includes all the required elements to work effectively as an advanced hairdresser/stylist including:

- health and safety
- client consultation
- advanced cutting
- selling products and services to clients.

These units are all mandatory.

Learners will further develop their understanding and skills by selecting a number of optional specialist units which include:

- hair colour correction
- specialist scalp services and treatments

- hair extension services This is an option at Squires as we are qualified extension technicians
- perming and colouring
- creative hairdressing design
 The full list of optional units is presented in the learner Record of Assessment book (RoA)
 (specification). This qualification's structure provides learners with the flexibility to develop

the knowledge, understanding and skills depending upon their designated career pathway

as a senior hairdresser/stylist.

What could this qualification lead to?

Learners who complete this qualification are eligible to become a State Registered Hairdresser (SRH) with The Hairdressing Council.

Career opportunities as an advanced hairdresser/senior stylist exist in a variety of contexts, including:

- Commercial salons
- Specialist African type hair salons
- Independent/self-employed/mobile/home-based settings
- Product manufacturing and training
- Television, film, theatre and media
- Armed services
- HM prison service
- Cruise liners
- Hospitals/care homes

Whilst this qualification's primary purpose is to prepare learners for employment as a senior hairdresser/stylist, learners may choose to further develop their knowledge and skills by undertaking advanced specialist qualifications at Level 4, including:

- VTCT Level 4 Certificate in Salon Management
- VTCT Level 4 Diploma in Salon Management
- VTCT Level 4 Certificate in Specialist Hair and Scalp Services
- VTCT Level 4 Certificate in Hair Colour Correction
- VTCT Level 4 Award in Advanced Hair Styling

Course duration

24 weeks

Course times Sunday

1 day per week 10am - 4pm

Some work practical and theory to be completed at home.

We also use zoom lessons throughout the course for theory and exam prep when needed .

Course costs

£2000

Please note if the hair extension unit is chosen as an optional unit a small starter kit will be required at a cost of £50. This will enable you to have the equipment to practise at home.

Kit required

One cutting head slip/block

Level 2 kit, to include thinning scissors and a hair razor.

Please note the Academy provides all electrical equipment due to insurance purposes.

All qualifications will require extra work to be carried out at home each week in the form of practise tasks, revision for exams or assignments.

The Academy is open for clients and supply models, but learners are welcome to being in models .