



Salon Environment

 Level 2

 41 credits

 Whitireia Porirua Campus

 Monday & Tuesday

 9am–2:30pm (inc. ½ hour lunch)

Equipment

Students must wear closed-in shoes.

Travel

This is provided free, subject to students meeting MoE requirements.

Dates

Monday 9 February – Tuesday 10 November 2026 (34 weeks), normal school and public holidays apply.

Application

Students must be enrolled in a secondary school in the Wellington region and be enrolled in a WTA course by their secondary school/kura.

Interview

Students may be requested to attend an interview with a family member or school representative.

Qualification

NCEA Level 2 with credit towards Vocational Pathway award.

Credits

On successful completion of this course, students will have gained 41 Level 2 credits.

Assessment

Assessment is competency based against unit standard outcomes and related evidence requirements.

Assessments will follow the processes required by NZQA and relevant industry requirements.

Learning outcomes

A student successfully completing this strand will be able to:

- Understand workplace requirements for employment in a salon and sustainability concepts
- Understand fashion trends and history in the beauty and hairdressing industries
- Learn retail skills such as customer service, product knowledge and displays in a salon environment
- Develop basic practical beauty and hairdressing skills and personal presentation
- Develop literacy and numeracy skills

Further pathways

- New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing (Salon Support) (Level 3)
- New Zealand Certificate in Makeup and Skin Care (Introduction) (Level 3)
- New Zealand Certificate in Commercial Barbering (Level 4)
- New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy (Level 4)
- New Zealand Certificate in Makeup Artistry (Level 4)

Vocational Pathways



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Students will be assessed against the following criteria:

Course title		Level	Credits	Version
Salon Environment Comprises of the following unit standards:		2	13	
21940	Demonstrate knowledge of workplace requirements for employment in a salon	2	5	4
25436	Display products in the salon environment	2	3	2
25439	Demonstrate knowledge of sustainability concepts for a salon	2	2	2
28027	Demonstrate knowledge of undertaking an observation of technical skills in a salon	2	3	2
Industry Trends Comprises of the following unit standards:		2	7	
21936	Protect the client for hairdressing services in a salon environment	2	1	3
27640	Demonstrate knowledge of current fashion trends and history related to beauty therapy	2	3	2
28026	Present a personal fashion image for work in a hairdressing salon environment	2	3	1
Customer Service Comprises of the following unit standards:		2	10	
11941	Establish and maintain positive customer service interactions in a retail environment	2	2	9
28298	Demonstrate knowledge of cash handling in a retail environment	2	3	5
28301	Demonstrate knowledge of products and product information in a retail environment	2	5	5
Personal Skills Comprises of the following unit standards:		2	11	
62	Maintain personal presentation and a positive attitude in a workplace involving customer contact	2	3	10
2989	Read and assess texts on a topic	2	3	7
24997	Demonstrate knowledge of theft and fraud in a retail or distribution environment	2	5	6