

Job of The Week

Beauty Therapist

Key Skills

- the ability to work well with others
- the ability to sell products and services
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- customer service skills to put clients at ease
- sensitivity and understanding towards your clients' needs
- excellent verbal communication skills to explain treatments
- the ability to work well with your hands for giving treatments
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations

Salary

£16,000 - £25,000

Working hours

37-40 per week
evenings / weekends
as customers demand

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College

You could study for a:

- Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy
- Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 2 or more GCSEs at grades 3 to 9, or equivalent, for a level 2 course
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 4 to 9, or equivalent, for a level 3 course

Work

You could start out as a beauty therapy assistant in a salon or spa. You could then study for a qualification while you're working.

Other Routes

You could also train with a private beauty school.

Apprenticeship

You can do an intermediate or advanced beauty therapist apprenticeship

These typically take between 15 and 18 months to complete as a mix of workplace learning and off-the-job study

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- some GCSEs, usually including English and Maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4, or equivalent, including English and Maths, for an advanced apprenticeship

Career path and progression

With experience you could progress to salon manager

You could become self-employed and get your own salon, work from home or travel to clients.

You could also move into fashion, theatre or media make-up

Day to Day tasks:

- do non-surgical skin improvement treatments
- do a makeover by applying and advising on make-up
- remove unwanted facial and body hair
- offer ultraviolet (UV) treatments and spray tanning
- shape eyebrows and colour eyelashes
- do a makeover by applying and advising on make-up
- give a facial by cleansing, massaging and toning a client's skin
- give a manicure, pedicure or other nail treatment like extensions and nail art

Working conditions

You could work in a salon, at a health spa, on a cruise ship, in a hotel or from home.

You may need to wear protective clothing.

Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.
Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Hairdressing and beauty salon managers and proprietors	
Weekly Pay £400	Annual Pay £20,800
Hours/Week 49h	Hourly Pay £8
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 2.9%	Replacement 68.8%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 2.9% over the period to 2027, creating 1,000 jobs. In the same period, 68.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 22,500 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in Other personal service Education</p>	
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Beauticians and related occupations	
Weekly Pay £360	Annual Pay £18,720
Hours/Week 36h	Hourly Pay £10
Workforce Change (projected)	
Contraction -0.8%	Replacement 69%
<p>The workforce is projected to contract by -0.8% over the period to 2027, losing 800 jobs. In the same period, 69% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 70,800 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in Other personal service Sport & recreation Retail trade Office admin. Health</p>	
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Therapy professionals n.e.c.	
Weekly Pay £670	Annual Pay £34,840
Hours/Week 25h	Hourly Pay £27
Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 5.3%	Replacement 52.1%
<p>The workforce is projected to grow by 5.3% over the period to 2027, creating 2,700 jobs. In the same period, 52.1% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 26,200 job openings.</p>	
<p>You might find this job in Social work Residential care Health Education Food & beverage services</p>	
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Labour Market Information



Hairdressing and beauty salon managers and proprietors

Job holders in this unit group plan, organise, direct and co-ordinate the activities and resources of hairdressing salons, beauty treatment and similar establishments.

Common tasks in this job:

- determines staffing, financial, material and other short- and long-term needs;
- controls the allocation, training and remuneration of staff;
- provides clients with information and advice on styles and treatments, and resolves any complaints or problems;
- ensures clients' records are maintained;

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Therapy professionals n.e.c.

Job holders in this unit group plan and apply physical and therapeutic treatments and activities to assist recovery from physical and mental illness and to minimise the effects of disabilities not elsewhere classified in MINOR GROUP 222: Therapy professionals.

Common tasks in this job:

- prescribes diet therapy and gives advice to patients, health care professionals and the public on dietetic and nutritional matters for those with special dietary requirements or to prevent illness amongst the general population;
- diagnoses and treats disorders of vision and eye movements, monitors subsequent progress and recommends further optical, pharmacological or surgical treatment as required;
- manipulates and massages patient to discover the cause of pain, relieve discomfort, restore function and mobility and to correct irregularities in body structure;
- adopts a holistic approach in assessing the overall health of the patient, and treats by inserting needles under the skin at particular locations according to the disorder being

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Beauticians and related occupations

Beauticians and related workers give facial and body beauty treatments, apply cosmetics and dress wigs.

Common tasks in this job:

- discusses clients requirements, analyses and advises client on appropriate skin care, and applies treatments to the face or body;
- massages scalp, face and other parts of the body and carries out spray tanning;
- uses waxing, threading, sugaring and other epilation techniques to remove any unwanted body hair;
- cleans, shapes and polishes finger and toe nails, applies nail extensions;

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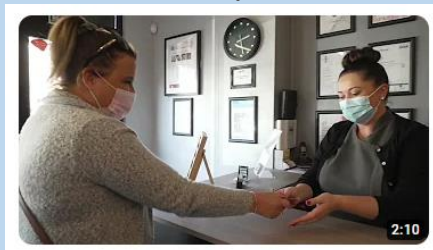
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Take a look at these short videos for inspiration...

The role of a Beauty Therapist



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hE5umO6NQ4>

Level 2 Beauty Therapy



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNAmnSwj-OA>

Working in a Spa



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cu12heRnc4c>

Apprenticeship Beauty Therapist



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICv0MYUxxU>

Useful Websites

[Beauty therapist | My World of Work](#)

[Careers at Sea – OneSpaWorld](#)

[Beauty therapist | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[Beauty Therapy Courses at Boston College | Your Success Starts Here](#)

[Where can a career as a beauty therapist take me? | Salons Direct](#)

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