

**NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE  
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE  
PROGRAM INFORMATION AND COMPLETION GUIDE**

**Program Name:** Hairstylist Foundation  
**Credential/Certification:** Certificate in Hairstylist Foundation  
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**Program Description:** Students receive training according to the provincial Hairstylist Apprenticeship curriculum, as established by the Industry Training Authority (ITA) of British Columbia. Students who complete the NLC Foundation program are taught in a salon environment for the majority of their 990 hours and are credited with 300 work-based training hours.

Students are introduced to the basics of haircuts, styles, shampoo and scalp treatments as well as the training needed to chemically treat hair using colour and permanent treatments. Students will also learn the business and communication skills that are required to work in a salon environment.

Students will create a personal portfolio showcasing their skills and creativity which will help them market their talent to prospective clients and employers.

Upon successful completion of the Foundation program and a further 1290 hours of work-based training, students may enroll in the Hairstylist Apprenticeship Program.

**Admission Requirements:**

- Grade 10 English, OR Grade 11 Communications, OR Career and College Preparation ENGL 030 (Advanced/Grade 10) with C+ or higher;
  - Grade 10 Math (Apprenticeship and Workplace Math), OR Career and College Preparation MATH 030 (Intermediate Developmental Math), MATH 031 (Intermediate Trades Math) or MATH 035 (Intermediate Algebraic Math) with C+ or higher.
  - Grade 10 Science, or Science 030, with C+ or higher
- OR
- ESTR 037 (Intermediate-Level Essential Skills for Trades) with 67% or higher,

OR

Complete the following sections of the Canadian Adult Achievement Test (CAAT):

- Reading Comprehension: 11.0 grade equivalent or higher
- Number Operations: 11.0 grade equivalent or higher
- Problem Solving: 11.0 grade equivalent or higher
- Science: 11.0 grade equivalent or higher

OR

Successful completion of the NLC POWER Program

OR

Dual Credit

- Grade 10 level completion that includes Grade 10 English or Grade 11 Communications, Grade 10 Math (Apprenticeship and Workplace Math), Grade 10 Science all with C+ or higher.

International

An IELTS 5.5 no score less than 5. "Other English language tests may be accepted by decision of the Dean, in consultation with the International Education Department and the Office of the Registrar".

The following course is recommended prior to the start of the program:

- Superhost

**Length of Program:** (weeks and total hours) approx. 32 weeks, 967 hours

**Program Intake:** (start/finish dates) September/June

**Available Seats:** 16

**Application Deadline:** All completed applications must be received one month prior to start of the program. Completed applications received after this date will be reviewed based on seat availability.

**Career Prospects:** Well-trained hairstylists are in constant demand in every community. Graduates who have obtained their ITA Red Seal certification are qualified to secure employment in large or small salons, or they may wish to open their own business. The following career opportunities are available to program graduates: hairstylist, technician, platform artist, salon management, cruise ship salon operator, film stylist, instructor, inspector, examiner, and salesperson.

**Affiliations/Partnerships:** Industry Training Authority

**Location:** Dawson Creek

**Additional Requirements/Supplies:** (fees, supplies, materials)

A basic equipment kit is provided to each student as part of the program. The kit includes tools necessary for the program.

Students are expected to wear black pants and white shirts to class. Professional clothing must be worn to all practicums.

**Eligibility for Canada Student Loans:** (Yes or No)

Yes

**Required Minimum Grade:** (overall and/or minimum within a course)

70%

**Residency Requirement:** (percentage of courses which must be taken at NLC)

100%

**Required Courses:** (list courses required to complete credential  
and total hours for each course)

HAIR 101 Hairstylist Fundamentals (471 hrs)

HAIR 102 Hairstylist Salon Operations (472 hrs)

COSM 101 Hairstylist Portfolio (24 hrs)