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:
Math – one of the following:
BC Math 10 (minimum final grade of C+), or BC Math 11 or BC Math 12 (minimum final grade of C), or equivalent.
MATH 030 or higher, with a minimum final grade of C+, or equivalent.

English – one of the following:
BC Language Arts 10 Courses – 4 credits earned, minimum individual grade of C+, or equivalent.

BC Language Arts 11 Courses – 4 credits earned, minimum individual grade of C+, or equivalent.
BC Language Arts 12 Courses – 4 credits earned, minimum individual grade of C+, or equivalent.
ENGL 030 or higher, with a minimum final grade of C+, or equivalent.

Science – one of the following:
BC Science 10 (minimum final grade of C+), or equivalent.
SCIE 030 or higher, with a minimum final grade of C+, or equivalent.

IELTS score of 5.5 overall with no band less than 5.0 or equivalent English placement test and score.

OR

ESTR 037 (Intermediate-Level Essential Skills for Trades) with a minimum final grade of 67%.

OR

Successful completion of the NLC POWER program.

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 the start of the program. Completed applications received after this date will be reviewed based on seat availability.

Career Prospects: Well-trained hairstylists are in demand. 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: hairstyling, 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 required to have a computer (PC or laptop) with minimum computer requirements as listed on the NLC website (www.nlc.bc.ca/Services/InformationTechnology/minPC).

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)