HAIR AND BEAUTY SECTOR



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If you have creative flair, style and a desire to help people feel relaxed and good about themselves, then you might want to consider a career in health and beauty...

Hairdressing

Part of the fast-moving fashion industry, this covers cutting, styling and colouring all types of hair. Hairdressers begin by training in salons and helping customers improve their look.

Earnings: Training salaries start around $\pounds10,000$, but can increase to around $\pounds16,000$ with a qualification and experience.

Beauty therapy

This covers treatments and services that enhance a client's appearance and well-being. It can include anything from simple facials to treatments that aid relaxation and help relieve stress. **Earnings:** £12,000 to £17,000 (with experience) a year.

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Spa therapy

Spa tourism in England is worth £1.4bn a year and is one of the fastest growing industries. Treatments may include Indian head massage, aromatherapy, holistic treatments and all aspects of heat and wet treatments (like hydrotherapy, sauna and steam). **Earnings:** £12,000 – £14,000 a year.

Nail services

There are roughly 18,000 businesses that employ nail technicians in the UK. Their job is to improve the appearance and condition of the skin and nails on hands and feet. **Earnings:** $\pounds 10,000$ to $\pounds 15,000$ a year.

GET QUALIFIED

There are plenty of vocational courses for this sector...

Careers Insight

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are a great route into this sector; all of these are NVQ level 2:

- Barbering
- Beauty Therapy
- Hairdressing
- Nail Services

Advanced Apprenticeships

You can also do an advanced Apprenticeship; all of these are NVQ level 3:

- Barbering
- Beauty Therapy
- Hairdressing
- Nail Services
- Spa Therapy

A Levels

Here are some A Levels, which are helpful for management roles in the industry:

- Business Studies
- Economics
- ICT

Foundation Degrees

A Foundation Degree is a university-level qualification that is equivalent to the first two years of an Honours Degree. They are different from Honours Degrees as they involve learning in the workplace as well as at university or college.

College Courses

A college course can also be a great route into this sector. To see which colleges have relevant courses in your region check out **www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk.**

USEFUL LINKS

www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk - The best careers site on the web.
www.habia.org – A useful point of contact for all things relating to hair and beauty training.
www.careersbox.co.uk – Home to a fantastic library of free careers videos.

