



NZ Certificate in Hairdressing (Professional Stylist)

Level 4

Develop your creativity and skills using project based learning in a salon environment to become a fully qualified senior stylist.

Learn hair cutting techniques using scissors, razor and clippers, perming techniques, advanced fashion focused colouring techniques, advanced hair and scalp conditions, treatments and reception skills.

Location	Hawke's Bay
Start	February and July*
Length	One year full-time
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* Subject to sufficient enrolments.
For NZ Citizens and Permanent Residents



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Go places with world-class styling skills

The purpose of this qualification is to provide you with the skills and knowledge to obtain your hairdressing Level 4 qualification as a fully qualified senior stylist.

The qualification is suitable for those with prior knowledge of salon support or for those who have completed the NZ Certificate in Hairdressing [Level 3].

You will use project based learning in a salon environment to qualify as a senior stylist and be capable to work within the industry.

Subject Areas

- Consultation and effective communication
- Advanced cutting techniques using scissors, razors and clippers
- Advanced wet and dry styling
- Reformation services
- Advanced colouring and de-colouring techniques
- Advanced reception skills

Come in and have a chat about your study options with the staff at our Hawke's Bay campus and view our facilities anytime.

Career and Study Opportunities

Graduating with the NZ Certificate in Hairdressing (Professional Stylist) [Level 4] will open up a wide variety of future opportunities in hairstyling and hair care.

Following completion of the programme you can progress into the industry as a senior stylist. The world will be your oyster and you could end up pursuing your career as:

- Senior Stylist
- Colourist
- Retail Sales
- Salon Reception
- Product Representative

Timetable

Your study time will be made up of contact time (class times, tutorials, industry-based learning) and non-contact time (your own individual study time, online learning).

Contact Time

On campus classes are usually scheduled between 8.30am-5.00pm, Monday to Wednesday with occasional variations.

You will be required to be on campus for 21 hours per week.

As a part of your study you will be required to spend time within salon ELITE, our commercial hairdressing salon.

Non-contact Time

You should plan to spend 640 hours of individual study per year.

Access to a computer and the internet is required to complete this programme.



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Hawke's Bay



Full-time: 1 year



Fee: Visit fees.eit.ac.nz to see the fees for this programme



2025 Key Dates

Intake One

Starts: Monday, 17 February

Ends: Friday, 28 November

Intake Two

Starts: Monday, 21 July

Ends: Friday, 26 June 2026

Semester Breaks

14 - 25 April

30 June - 18 July

22 September - 3 October

Additional Costs

- There may be additional costs for textbooks

Entry Requirements

- Successful completion of the NZ Certificate in Hairdressing [Level 3].

Health and Professional Requirements

All applicants are required to:

- Sign a declaration that they are in good health (having no medical, physical or psychological conditions that would preclude working with vulnerable clients).

If any declaration identifies any issue that may impact on the applicant's ability to complete the programme, the applicant can discuss these with the Programme Coordinator at an information session. EIT reserves the right to decline entry to the programme should an applicant's health difficulties be such that they would be considered unsuitable for the type of work undertaken whilst on this programme or by graduates of this programme. This decision will be based on relevant professional association or industry requirements.

English Language Entry Requirements

All applicants must demonstrate an acceptable level of English language fluency prior to acceptance in the programme.

For international applicants wishing to enrol in the NZ Certificate in Hairdressing [Level 4], ways in which English language fluency may be demonstrated include the following:

- Successful study of a programme in which English was the language of instruction (subject to NZQA conditions)
- Completion of a New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 3 with Academic or Applied endorsement)
- IELTS Academic score of 5.5, with no band score lower than 5.0, achieved in a single test within the two years preceding enrolment
- Accepted international equivalents to the above IELTS scores
- Completion of an EIT assessment

Entry with Credit

You may already have some knowledge or skills that can be recognised as part of your intended study. This may take a number of different forms including study while at high school, study at a private training establishment, workplace training, other tertiary study, life experiences or voluntary work. If you think you may qualify, you may want to apply for Cross Credit (CC) or Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

- CC is based on the equivalency of courses or qualifications. You would apply for CC if you have passed a very similar course at the same level.
- RPL is based on the assessment of your current knowledge and skills. You would apply for RPL if you had gained the relevant knowledge and skills through life experiences and informal learning situations.

You will be asked to provide details of anything that you would like considered as credit toward your intended programme of study, as part of your application.

You must apply prior to enrolment. CC and RPL cannot be awarded for a course if you are already enrolled in that course.

For further information and enquiries about CC and RPL please contact the Programme Administrator, Kenzie Turnbull, on 06 830 1439 or email kturnbull@eit.ac.nz.

Transfers/Cross Credits

A similar qualification may be delivered at a number of other tertiary institutes around New Zealand. If you were to transfer to one of those other institutes you may be granted academic credit for some of the papers completed successfully while studying at EIT, but this is at the discretion of the other institute.

Please note: Fees are not transferable between institutes.

Assessments

Assessments include assignments, practical assessments, online assessments and theoretical knowledge tests.

Facilities

Our campus has modern, purpose built teaching salons and ELITE, a commercial salon where students gain industry based experience working with clientele alongside the latest technology.

Scholarships

Scholarships are a way to help financially support your study. They can make life easier by helping to cover your fees and living expenses while you complete your qualification. You don't always need to be an academic high-flyer to qualify.

Find out what's available at scholarships.eit.ac.nz or for general scholarship information please contact scholarships@eit.ac.nz.

The experience you need & the support to succeed

When you study at EIT you'll get the kind of experiences that will help you gain the knowledge and skills to get ahead.

You'll also be supported by lecturers and tutors who are here for you, within a learning environment where you are treated as an individual, not just a number.

They'll know your name and you'll receive one-on-one attention to make sure you get the support to succeed.

Experienced Lecturers

At EIT, you can be confident in the quality of our teaching and your learning experience.

EIT is highly regarded in New Zealand for research excellence due to the quality of our community centred research, our publications and our external grant income provided by funding institutions who have confidence in our research capability. You can be confident your lecturers use the latest knowledge and research in their field of expertise to inform their teaching, and many are at the forefront of knowledge creation within their discipline area.

EIT hairdressing tutors bring a wide range of experience in both practical and theoretical skills to their teaching. All have a hairdressing industry background and are continually upgrading and expanding their qualifications.

Name	Qualification
Courtney Cook <i>Programme Coordinator</i>	NZCertHairdressing, NZCertAdTT
Clare Wills	NatCertHairdressing (City&Guilds), NatDipAdEd (City&Guilds), DipLit (City&Guilds), NatCertAdLit

Course Descriptions

Courses are offered subject to sufficient enrolments.

Course No.	Brief Description	NZQA Level	No. of Credits	Semester Offered
	Professional Stylist Attributes			
PERS4201	Students will develop the knowledge, skills and attributes to understand the intersection between personal and professional self, and communicate effectively in the hairdressing industry.	4	10	1 and 2
	Sculpture			
PERS4202	Students will develop the knowledge, skills and attributes to perform foundation scissor cuts, razor and clipper services on a diverse range of clients.	4	20	1 and 2
	The Art of Advanced Hair Design			
PERS4203	Students will develop the knowledge, skills and attributes to perform advanced hair design using wet and dry styling.	4	15	1 and 2
	Reformation Designs			
PERS4204	Students will develop the knowledge, skills and attributes to perform reformation services on a variety of hair types.	4	15	1 and 2
	Advanced Colour Design			
PERS4205	Students will develop the knowledge, skills and attributes to make informed decisions and carry out advanced colour and de-colouring services.	4	20	1 and 2
	Fashion Colour and Sculpture			
PERS4206	Students will develop the knowledge, skills and attributes to perform a range of fashion colouring and cutting. <i>Includes 40 hours Work-integrated Learning.</i>	4	15	1 and 2
	Advanced Client Journey			
PERS4207	Students will develop the knowledge, skills and attributes to work in a professional hairdressing context. <i>Pre-requisites: PERS4201, PERS4202, PERS4203, PERS4204, PERS4205, PERS4206</i>	4	15	1 and 2
	Grand Finale			
PERS4208	Students will work collaboratively to produce an event showcasing their creative designs. The designer produces a portfolio of their work to showcase their skills. <i>Pre-requisites: PERS4207</i>	4	10	1 and 2

How to Enrol

There is an easy 3-step process to follow when enrolling at EIT.

Step 1

Check out eit.ac.nz to see the programmes available for you to study. A copy of the course information for each programme is available on our website.

Step 2

You can now use your RealMe verified identity to apply for study at EIT. If you use your RealMe verified identity you will no longer be sent a copy of your application form to sign. You also will not need to provide us with a copy of your primary ID.

If you apply online without using RealMe then you will be sent a summary of your enrolment to check and sign. It will also include course selection forms which you need to complete and return. Your enrolment cannot progress until you have sent the summary and forms back to us.

You can also apply using a paper enrolment form. Please call us on 0800 22 55 348 and we will send you one.

You will receive an acceptance letter from your Faculty with programme information. This will include the start date of your study and any special information regarding your programme. Depending on your chosen programme of study, you may be invited to attend an interview before you are accepted.

Step 3

Arrangement for full payment of enrolment fees must be made before the start of your programme. You will receive an invoice with payment details.

Fees Free Government Scheme: Tertiary education is fees-free for eligible domestic tertiary students. To check if you are eligible, go to [FeesFree.govt.nz](https://feesfree.govt.nz) and enter your National Student Number (NSN). If you are not eligible you will be responsible for paying your fees.

Scholarships and Grants: Scholarships and grants make life easier by helping to cover your fees, other costs and living expenses while you study. You don't always need to be an academic high-flyer to qualify. You can find out more about scholarships and other options for paying your fees at eit.ac.nz.

StudyLink: If you need to pay for your own study you can choose to apply for your Student Loan and Student Allowance with StudyLink. You should do this early, even if you haven't yet been accepted on your programme. You can change your details later if anything changes. Visit studylink.govt.nz to find out more about StudyLink.

Student Services Levy

The student services levy is a compulsory non-tuition fee that is charged to students enrolled at EIT. The levy is to contribute to the provision of quality student services that support learning. The funds received by EIT from the levy are ring-fenced, meaning they can only be spent on student services.

Student Loans and Allowances

StudyLink is a service of the Ministry of Social Development. Apply well before your programme begins (even if you haven't been accepted yet) so you'll be ready to get your payments when you need them most.

Check out what you qualify for at studylink.govt.nz.



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For the latest information, or for full programme entry requirements visit eit.ac.nz or phone 0800 22 55 348.

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Documentation/Forms

Please Note

The following documents are to be returned with your completed enrolment form.

Without these we are unable to process your application.

Please complete and return the following:

- ☐ Enrolment Form
- ☐ Brief Personal Statement (including brief CV/Work History)
- ☐ Health Declaration Form
- ☐ Please provide **one** of the following as evidence of your identity (verified copies only):
 - Passport (NZ or Overseas)
 - NZ Full Birth Certificate

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Brief Personal Statement

(Handwritten please - also include a brief CV/work history)

Applicant Name: _____

1. What do you believe are your personal strengths?

2. How would you describe your attributes as a friend, a family member, or as a member of your community?

3. Why are you interested in studying for a qualification in hairdressing?

4. Please give details of any work experience/volunteer work you have done that involved either caring for people, providing customer service or retailing?

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Health Declaration Form

Applicant Name: _____

Should you have any questions about the level of health required to complete this programme please contact the Programme Coordinator prior to completing this declaration.

Programme Coordinator: Courtney Cook, email ccowan@eit.ac.nz or phone 06 830 1290

- ☐ I declare that I have no medical, physical or psychological conditions that would significantly impact on my ability to participate in the practical and theory components of this programme. Should my health status change dramatically during my study I confirm I will make the Programme Coordinator aware of this change.
- ☐ I am not allergic to any food, cosmetics, or ingredients applied to the hair or skin, and I do not have any sensitivities that would prevent me from having or performing hair treatments that I am aware of. Should my status change throughout my study I confirm I will make the Programme Coordinator aware of this change.

Please give details of any medical, physical or psychological conditions or allergies you wish to declare.

Please note: Declaring something will not necessarily exclude you from the programme.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____