

nail services advanced apprenticeship course factsheet



course overview

An advanced apprenticeship in nail services is one of the best ways of up-skilling to become a specialist in your chosen profession. To enrol you will need to have achieved your nail services apprenticeship framework or have an alternative appropriate level 2 qualification and experience in nail services. You will also be employed in the Industry, so you are able to EARN WHILE YOU LEARN developing higher level skills and abilities which will benefit your commercial clients, your employer and your own competencies. You will generally attend a michael john academy one day or one evening per week with the remainder of your working week spent in your employment. Your previous learning and experience will enable you to progress more rapidly, however you should expect your advanced apprenticeship to last at least twelve months in order for you to consolidate your new skills.

Some of the subjects and skills covered within your advanced apprenticeship include:

- Monitoring procedures to safely control work operations
- Enhancing and maintaining nails using UV gel
- Enhancing and maintaining nails using liquid and powder

With optional units that could include:

- Enhancing and maintaining nails using wraps
- Planning and creating nail art designs
- Developing a range of creative nail images
- Planning and providing airbrush designs for nails
- Preparing and finishing nail overlays using electric files
- Contributing to the planning and implementation of promotional activities

qualification

On successful completion of your nail services advanced apprenticeship framework, you will have achieved Qualifications in:

- City & Guilds Nail Services NVQ/Diploma Level 3
- Level 2 Functional Skills in English
- Level 2 Functional Skills in Maths
- A Nail Services Advanced Apprenticeship Framework Completion Certificate

You will also have a greater insight into the Industry, including your Employment Rights and Responsibilities and you will have strengthened your personal learning and thinking skills. Best of all YOU will be a competent and confident nail technician able to offer the full range of nail services to your clients. You will have a record of continuous employment in the nail services profession and your skills will be highly sought after by nail service employers across the UK and abroad.

training & assessment

Throughout your advanced apprenticeship you will be assessed on your practical skills and your background knowledge and understanding of each subject. Assessment will take place in the academy and within your salon workplace. During the course you will build up a portfolio of evidence and achievement. Michael John Academy specialise in Hair and Beauty training so during your advanced apprenticeship there will be opportunities for you to participate in a range of short specialist courses, Industry excursions and competitive events.

employment

Advanced apprentices are employed either on a full or part time basis, dependant on the needs of either the employer or advanced apprentice. If you are aged 16-18 or if you are 19+ and in the first year of your apprenticeship you will earn the Apprenticeship National Minimum Wage rate per hour. After that the National Minimum Wage for your age group applies. Most advanced apprentices work full-time 30+ hours per week with academy hours included within these hours of employment. As an employed advanced apprentice you will already have a contract of employment and your employer will designate a salon supervisor to mentor and guide you in the workplace. As you are already qualified to junior level you will be contributing to the salon business and it is likely as your skills grow you can create and grow new revenues for the business. Often employers will recognise this and may decide to increase your wages in order to secure your services and higher level skills. Your continued future prosperity is therefore very much in your hands, you can work to increase your abilities, grow your customer base and prove your value to your employer. If you have achieved your Level 2 apprenticeship elsewhere and therefore do not have an employer Michael John Academy can help you to secure employment, however this will be dependant on the number of job opportunities available and our initial assessment of your entry skills and confidence. As employment cannot be guaranteed, Michael John Academy can offer a range of pre-employment programmes.

care, guidance and support

Achieving a Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship is seen as equivalent to achieving 2 A Level qualifications and you may benefit from additional guidance or support. Michael John Academy are recognised for outstanding student support and if during your initial assessment we feel you will benefit from additional help a package of support to suit your individual needs will be arranged.

progression

When you have completed your Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship you may wish to progress on to:

- Level 4 Diploma in Salon Management Practice and Advanced Techniques in the Hair & Beauty Sector – suitable for aspiring salon managers or business owners
- Full time higher education
- Permanent employment as a senior nail technician / nail artist

funding

Advanced apprenticeship programmes are fully funded by the Skills Funding Agency* up to the age of 23 (subject to eligibility). Apprenticeship programmes are supported by European Social Funds.

*If you are interested in this programme but are 24+ please ask for advice and guidance on 24+ ADVANCED LEARNING LOANS.

applications

Applications are accepted throughout the year. In the first instance, please complete a Michael John Academy application form which you can obtain from our web-site or by phoning our Headoffice, Renshaw Street Academy. (See contact details below)

training centre locations

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