

# nail services apprenticeship course factsheet



## course overview

A nail services apprenticeship is one of the best ways of training to become a nail technician. Apart from it being the only route which enables you to EARN WHILE YOU LEARN, because all apprentices are employed from day one, you will develop real, practical and commercial skills highly valued by employers. In the majority of cases you will attend a michael john academy one day per week and work within the Industry for the remainder of your working week. If you have previous experience we can support you to progress more rapidly, however you should expect your apprenticeship to last at least twelve months with most course durations lasting between 12-14 months. Some of the subjects and skills covered within your apprenticeship include:

- Health and safety
- Fulfilling salon reception duties
- Promoting additional services or products to clients
- Developing and maintaining personal effectiveness at work
- Providing manicure services
- Providing pedicure services
- Carrying out nail art services
- Applying and maintaining nail enhancements to create a natural finish
- Client care and customer service

You will also be given a real insight into the Nail Service Industry to include what employers will expect from you and how important it is to sustain your employment so you can progress even further in the nail service profession.

## qualification

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

- City & Guilds Nail Services NVQ/Diploma Level 2
- Level 1 Functional Skills in English
- Level 1 Functional Skills in Maths
- A Nail Services Intermediate Apprenticeship Framework Completion Certificate

You will also have a good understanding of Employment Rights and Responsibilities and will have further developed your personal learning and thinking skills. Best of all YOU will be a competent junior nail technician, with a record of sustainable employment in the Industry, all of which will mean you are a highly valued asset to the nail services profession.

## training & assessment

Throughout your 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 throughout your apprenticeship there will be opportunities for you to participate in a range of short specialist courses, Industry excursions and competitive events.

## care, guidance and support

Achieving a Level 2 Apprenticeship is seen as equivalent to achieving 5 GCSE's grade A-C and often apprentices require additional care, guidance or support. Michael John Academy are recognised for providing outstanding support to students and if during your initial assessment we feel you would benefit from additional help a package of support will be arranged and personalised to your needs.

## employment

Apprentices are employed either on a full or part time basis, dependant on the needs of either the employer or 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 apprentices work full-time 30+ hours per week and academy hours (generally 9.30 – 3.30pm one day per week) will be included within your hours of employment.

Your employer will provide you with a contract of employment and designate a salon supervisor to mentor and guide you in the workplace. Please be aware your employer is committing their time and money to your training and employment in anticipation of you becoming competent and able to contribute to the salons financial income. If you value and work well for your employer it is most likely that on successful completion of your apprenticeship your employer will not want to lose you and will want to offer you a permanent position. Michael John Academy works with a large number of employers and will help you to secure employment. As employment cannot be guaranteed, Michael John Academy also offers a range of pre-employment programmes which can help you to build up employability skills until you can successfully gain employment and become an apprentice.

## progression

When you have completed your Level 2 Apprenticeship you may wish to progress on to:

- Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship in Nail Services
- Full time education
- Permanent employment as a junior nail technician

## funding

Apprenticeship programmes are fully funded by the Skills Funding Agency (subject to eligibility) and supported by European Social Funds.

## 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

### Liverpool Centre

42 – 46 Renshaw Street  
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### Birkdale Centre

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