

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. Your training programme will be based on working full time in the industry, which is known as 'Work-based Learning'. 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
- 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 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 Employments Rights and Responsibilities and will have further developed your personal learning and thinking skills. Best of all YOU will be a competent and 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 AND 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/or within your salon workplace, which will be dependent on your training programme. 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.

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. 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.

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 higher education
- Permanent employment as a junior nail technician

FUNDING

Apprenticeship programmes are fully funded by the Education Skills Funding Agency*, up to the age of 18 (subject to availability). Apprenticeship programmes are supported by the European Social Funds*. If you are interested in this programme but are 19+, a percentage of the programme is co-funded by the employer.

HOW TO APPLY

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. You can also contact us via Facebook or by phoning our Head office, Renshaw Street Academy. (See contact details below)

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