

Hairstylist

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Hairstylists shampoo, cut, shave, perm, straighten, and style hair or hair pieces. They also color, streak and bleach hair, as well as add highlights and extensions and perform various scalp treatments. In addition, they may trim, shave, and style moustaches and beards. Hairstylists who cater mostly to male clients are usually referred to as barbers. Hairstylists often offer clients advice on how to maintain their hair and what products they should use. Some also sell their clients hair and beauty-related items, such as conditioners, gels, skin care products, and brushes.

The average salary in Quebec is \$299 per week (not including tips) and the placement* rate is 82%. To become a hairstylist, you need to complete a Vocational Education Degree (DVS Hairdressing). The admission requirements for the program is either a high school diploma or to be 16 years of age and have your Secondary 4 English, French and Math. The Cowansville Vocational Education Training Centre and the Centre 24-Juin (Sherbrooke) offer this program.

*Placement rate= number of students who found a job 6 months after graduation