

Hairdresser

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Hairdressing is a very hand-on profession. Hairdressers trim, cut, color, shave, highlight, perm, straighten hair and style hair. They also offer advice to clients. Their job requires them to stand for a large portion of the day and to have good social skills, discretion, patience and understanding.

Hairdressing is offered at the Cowansville Vocational Education Training Centre and the Centre 24-Juin in Sherbrooke. To be admitted to the program, you need to have your Secondary School Diploma or have earned your Level 4 English, French and math. The course takes 1.5 year to complete and the program includes the exam and the apprenticeship. Hairdressers earn between \$10,000 and \$45,000 a year, working in salons as employees or by renting a chair; they may also operate their own salon.