VIU Professional Esthetics Program

Frequently asked Q/A

1. How long is the program?
   *It is an eight month program that runs Tuesday through Friday 9am to 4:30*
2. How many students are in the class?
   *Our student max is 16 students; so far we typically have had 14 students.*
3. How many class intakes are there per year?
   *One per year*
4. What is the age range of the students participating in the program?
   *So far the range has been 18 to 55 years old.*
5. Is there a lot of homework?
   *If you keep up with the class during class time there isn’t a lot of homework other than the study time to prepare for the quizzes, unit exams and projects that are throughout the program.*
6. Is the course student loanable?
   *Yes*
7. Of the 810 hours how many are practical and how many are theory?
   *Approximately it is 500 hours of practical and 310 hours of theory.*
8. Do you qualify for the Beauty Council license after receiving your Certificate?
   *Yes. Often the examiner comes from Vancouver to VIU at the end of the program so that you can write the exam and take the practical right at the school. **Although the license exam is not part of the curriculum or mandatory. (Has a separate fee and is separate from VIU)**
9. Are students finding jobs once they have completed the program?
   *Students that have graduated from the program are working in various spas and salons all over B.C. and Alberta. We have students located in larger spas such as Tigh na Mara Resort, Kingfisher Spa, Park Ave Spa and Aqua Terre to smaller locations such as Tranquil Moments, Breeze and Pure Spa and Oxygen Bar. As well many of our graduates have opened their own home-based businesses.*
10. What are the prerequisites to the program?
    *Grade 12 or equivalent or mature student status. Minimum 17 years of age.*