

Beauty Therapy





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 Beauty Therapist, Urban Sanctuary Day Spa

Nikita studied our Level 4 Certificate in Beauty Therapy—a year-long programme that prepares ākongā to confidently enter the industry. She gained skills in facial therapy, hair removal, manicure and pedicure, makeup, spray tanning, eyebrow shaping and eyelash tinting. Nikita’s tutors helped her get a foot in the door at Urban Sanctuary Day Spa through a work experience scheme during her studies. After graduating she was offered a full-time position, and now enjoys spending her days helping clients look and feel their best.

What does a day in your life look like?

My day is centered around our clients, ensuring that from the minute they step into our door they feel pampered, cared for, and relaxed. I advise clients on the best treatments for their needs and conduct multiple treatments of every kind. I do everything beauty therapy related—waxing, massages, facials, manicures and pedicures, micro-needling, the lot!

Where did your passion for beauty therapy start?

One of my friends studied beauty therapy, and after graduating she was easily able to find a job in Australia. I liked the idea of studying something practical and having the freedom to take that skill overseas.

What was your study experience like?

I loved the experience I had at WelTec. The passion my tutor had for every element of beauty therapy was contagious. She had invaluable knowledge from the industry, and she was eager to pass it on. I’m so thankful she taught me.

What made you choose WelTec?

I saw an ad pop up and thought ‘it’s popping up for a reason, go for it.’

Did you learn anything invaluable while studying that has really helped you in your career?

To always keep learning. Building on my knowledge both in and out of work has benefitted both myself and my clients, and ultimately, my career.

What’s next for you?

Urban Sanctuary is a good place for me to grow my skills, so I’m happy to stay here and keep pushing myself. My next step is to become a senior therapist.

What would you say to someone considering studying Beauty Therapy at WelTec?

You only live once so you might as well do something you love.

Follow the QR code below to read the full story.



Kua tuwhera ā tumatanui ngā ratonga

Services open to the public

Bistro 107

Our fully supervised training restaurant has moved to Petone Campus and is open on selected dates throughout the year. Keep an eye out on our websites for the next round of bookings!

Aria Beauty Therapy

Our beauty therapy students offer an array of beauty treatments, with support from fully qualified professional therapists. Enjoy a professional spa service for a fraction of the cost today.

The salon is open every Thursday from 9:30am–2:30pm, July through to October, at two locations:

- 📍 **Te Kāhui Auaha**
65 Dixon Street, Wellington
- 📍 **Petone Campus**
O Block, Buick Street, Petone

Barbering

Sharpen up your look in our professional barbershop. Our barbering students frequently cut and shave all types of hair to build their portfolio in their pursuit to become a professional barber.

We have two locations available:

Te Auaha Barbering Academy

- 📍 Te Kāhui Auaha,
65 Dixon Street, Wellington
- 📅 Tuesday–Thursday
- 🕒 9:30am–3:30pm

The People's Barber

- 📍 Whitireia Porirua Campus,
3 Wi Neera Drive, Porirua
- 📅 Tuesday–Thursday
- 🕒 10am–3pm

Te Whare Makawe

Hair on Campus

Experience a range of different services at highly competitive prices. You'll leave looking and feeling great.

We have two locations available:

Petone Campus Salon

- 📍 O Block, Buick Street, Petone
- 📅 Thursday
- 🕒 1–7pm

Whitireia Porirua Campus Salon

- 📍 Corner of Tutuira Place and
Wi Neera Drive, Porirua
- 📅 Wednesday
- 🕒 9:45am–4:30pm

Latte Lab

Located in the Hospitality Campus at Petone, the Latte Lab gives students the chance to develop front of house and barista skills in a cafe-like environment. The Latte Lab is where we do the coffee training for our programmes and STAR tasters (Secondary Schools).

The lab opens up as a pop-up cafe at certain times of the year. Customers are able to purchase barista-made coffee and bakery items.



Book now!

Scan the QR code to book your appointment and find out more information!

New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy (Level 4)

📖	Level 4
🕒	1 year, full-time
💰	\$7,352 (indicative for 2025 intake)
🌐	NZ \$26,000* (indicative for 2025 intake)

Get ready for the beauty industry. Gain skills in facial therapy, hair removal, manicure and pedicure, makeup, spray tanning, eyebrow shaping and eyelash tinting. Learn essential anatomy and physiology. Develop retail and reception skills in our salon and work with clients.

What you will learn

- Waxing
- Facial therapy
- Manicure and pedicure
- Make-up
- Eyebrow shaping and eyelash tinting services
- Client consultation, diagnosis and effective communication
- Retail and reception skills for beauty sales and service
- Knowledge of chemistry and electrical currents for facial therapy
- Safety, hygiene and first aid
- Nutritional principles
- Anatomy and physiology

Career options

- Internationally recognised beauty therapist
- Salon manager
- Sales representative
- Cruise line and resort work
- Small business owner
- Tutoring

Entry requirements

Under 20 years

NCEA Level 2 or equivalent skills and knowledge.

20+ years

If you're 20 years or over, you may qualify for special admission on this programme. Contact us if you don't meet the Under 20 entry criteria.

International students

Minimum IELTS (academic) score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5, or equivalent.

Find your country's [equivalent academic entry requirements here](#)

*For fee exclusions, please see our [terms and conditions](#).

Course related costs

Equipment Kit costs: Approximately \$1000, may be less based on individual course requirements.

These course related costs are not covered under any fees free funding schemes. To apply for course related costs (as a loan) visit [studylink](#).

Related study options

[New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy \(Level 5\)](#)

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