



College of Hair & Beauty

Course & Workshop Prospectus



SHARON LEAVY
College of Hair & Beauty

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*Ireland's premier training facility
for professionals, internationally
recognised throughout
the industry.*

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A portrait of Sharon Leavy, a woman with long blonde hair and green eyes, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue polo shirt with a name tag and a college logo. The background is blurred.

DIRECTOR'S INTRODUCTION

Sharon Leavy College of Hair and Beauty continues to offer an ever-expanding range of hair and beauty courses throughout Ireland. Our newly published prospectus will provide each prospective learner with many choices in the hair and beauty sector, which will ultimately lead to excellent career prospects with over 85% of our graduates being placed yearly.

I personally would like to take the time to congratulate you on taking the first step to a new career and considering us as your education center.

We pride in our graduates and believe that "Your Success is our Success", when you do well we do well.

Sharon Leavy

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*We proudly provide
85% work placement
in the Hair & Beauty
Industry.*

OUR MISSION

Our mission at The Sharon Leavy College of Hair & Beauty is to provide the highest degree of training for our learners.

We aim to provide the highest standards of education and to motivate and direct learners so that their skills, attitude and commitment are welcomed by future clients and employers.

The Sharon Leavy College of Hair & Beauty continually reviews the teaching methods and skills required by examining boards and employers alike. Instruction and demonstration is administered in a structured environment, which caters to the needs of each learner.

We strive to encourage our learners to meet their full potential through a combination of faculty leadership, personal attention and technical training. Our learners receive a solid foundation of knowledge and skills on which to build a successful future, guided by our on-site specialist careers team to achieve their goals.



Proudly providing 85% work placement in the Hair & Beauty Industry.



OUR QUALIFICATIONS

College of Hair & Beauty Professional Qualifications



CIDESCO courses are developed by an international Education Committee formed of world leading professionals in the fields of beauty therapy and spa in association with employers.

The pass mark for **CIDESCO** Examinations is **70%**.

CIDESCO

Comité International d'Esthétique et de Cosmétologie

The World Standard for Beauty and Spa Therapy.

Founded in 1946 in Brussels with their Head Office in Zurich, Switzerland, The CIDESCO Diploma is the world's most prestigious qualification for Aesthetics and Beauty Therapy, which has set international standards in over 33 countries worldwide.

We are proud to provide training and education in a wide range of beauty and spa therapies to produce graduates of the highest calibre. Sought after by employers worldwide, the CIDESCO Diploma is a mark of high achievement, fully opening up a world of career opportunities to graduates.

If you are considering advancing your career in the beauty or spa industry we welcome you to take a look at our portfolio of Diplomas and consider CIDESCO as your main point of interest.

CIBTAC

Confederation of International Beauty Therapy & Cosmetology

C.I.B.T.A.C. is the Examination Board of the British Association of Beauty Therapy and Cosmetology Limited (**BABTAC**). It has built up its reputation over 25 years and is renowned for its high level of training and strict quality control. There are now over 150 schools in 18 countries accredited to offer the prestigious CIBTAC awards.

Learners sit a theoretical and practical examination to test their knowledge and skills and only those that satisfy the external examiner in every aspect, will be awarded the CIBTAC diploma.

The pass mark for **CIBTAC** Examinations is **60%**.



GREAT CAREER PROSPECTS

85% of our learners are placed in employment while many more return to education within six months after graduation.



ITEC

International Therapy Examination
Council

ITEC has been awarding high quality and respected industry qualifications since 1947. It is now one of the world's leading and most successful awarding bodies specialising in Beauty and Complementary Therapy, Sport, Fitness and Hairdressing sectors. In 2011 ITEC awarded over 38,000 Certifications in over 38 countries.

ITEC fosters a close working relationship with our College partners who total over 655 across the world, and has offices in London, South Africa and Asia Pacific and representation in Ireland and the United States of America.

ITEC offers Colleges and learners one of the largest Beauty and Hairdressing qualification portfolios including qualifications for employability, specialist subjects and skills enhancement.

The pass mark for ITEC Examinations is 60%



VTCT

Vocational Training Charitable Trust.

VTCT is a Government-approved awarding organisation which has awarded world class qualifications since 1962 and has been at the forefront of developing the vocational system of qualifications.

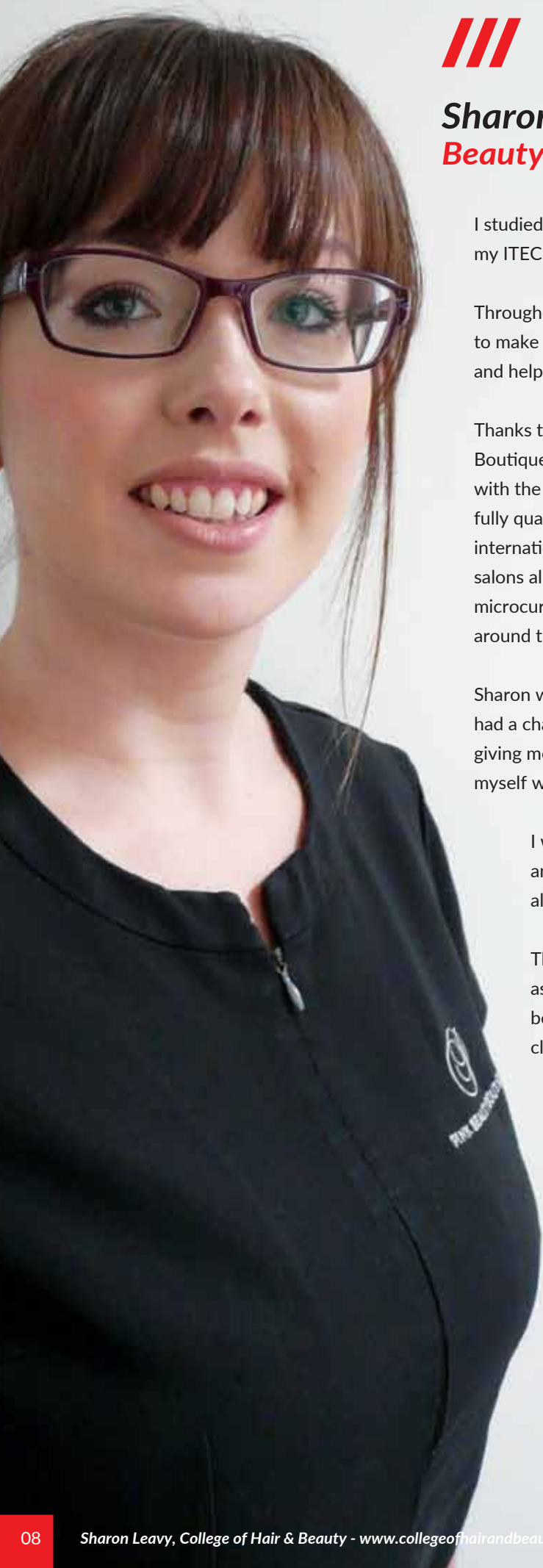
With more than 800 approved centres, VTCT has an ever expanding list of centres throughout the **UK, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Cyprus, Kenya, India, South Africa and Australia.**

VTCT is a charitable organisation and its main activity as an awarding body is also its first charitable objective; to develop and provide high quality education and qualifications for the service industries.

FIRST CLASS PROFESSIONAL TUTORS

You will be educated by tutors who are passionate about their subjects and leaders in their respective fields of study.





Sharon O'Grady

Beauty Therapy

I studied in Sharon Leavy's College of Hair and Beauty and qualified with my ITEC, CIBTAC, and CIDESCO qualifications in July 2011.

Throughout the year both Sharon and our tutor went above and beyond to make the year as stress free and enjoyable as possible by supporting and helping us in any way they could.

Thanks to Sharon's help I came out of college with a job at Pink Beauty Boutique, a well known salon in Dundrum, Dublin and am currently still with the company over 3 years since leaving college. Not only am I a fully qualified therapist but I have also currently trained with CACI international in London to become the CACI trainer for Ireland, training salons all over the country on the Caci non surgical facelift treatment, a microcurrent face and body treatment that's internationally known all around the world.

Sharon went the extra mile at the end of the year to ensure that we all had a chance when leaving college and I am very grateful to her for giving me that chance by setting up an interview with Pink and securing myself with a job before I finished.

I would recommend Sharon Leavy College of Hair and Beauty to anyone, not only do they have excellent tutors and facilities but also amazing qualifications that are recognized internationally.

They teach you not only how to be a therapist but how to work as a team and to support each other. I enjoyed every minute of being in college coming out with amazing qualifications and very close friends.

PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

Courses & College Life



Melissa Clarke

Makeup Artist

I started out working in the beauty industry as a beauty therapist, over the years I gained lots of experience in different areas. I always had a passion for makeup and one day I decided it was the direction I wanted to go towards. I researched makeup academies and I found Sharon Leavy's college was the best around.

I enjoyed every minute of the course, Adele was a fantastic tutor and Sharon and the team were so helpful. I finished my makeup artistry Diploma and Special effects makeup with fantastic results. I decided after completion of the course and with my beauty therapy experience I wanted to go out on my own, so I set up my own business.

I set up as a freelance Makeup artist 2 years ago and I also have a studio at home for all my beauty and makeup applications. I have had makeup editorial features in beauty magazines such as Chicago based Beauty look magazine, online fashion magazines, newspapers etc. Recently I have been featured in Ireland's largest Bridal magazine Confetti bridal magazine, at present I am now focusing on bridal parties, I love working on bridal parties its very rewarding.

I have also worked on music videos for Irish singer Kim Hayden previously on the voice of Ireland and Derek Ryan. I have recently started up my own Blog and you tube channel .

I am now returning back to Sharon's college to start my teacher training diploma, which I am very excited about, it was also something I wanted to do and I think the time is now right.

I believe you can't stop learning.

I am excited about the career opportunities that lie ahead for me over the next 2 years.



PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

Courses & College Life



David Keenan *Advanced Barber*

I have been doing hairdressing for many years and was always looking out for somewhere that I could go to do a barbering course when I came across Sharon Leavy College Of Hair and Beauty.

I got all the information I needed from Sharon and her very professional team and started my VTCT Level 3 barbering course in Feb 2014. Samantha our tutor was brilliant and gave us all the time we needed to achieve what we had to.

Before I started my course I wasn't very confident with gents hair but shortly after starting with the help of Samantha I gained the confidence I needed and began to believe in myself that I could be the best I could be.

Sharon and her team were very approachable throughout the course and were always there to give a helping hand. I then finished and graduated from my course in Nov 2014 and was offered a job in one of Tullamore's top Barbering salons the very next day.

This would not have been possible if it wasn't for Sharon and all the staff at the college. I would highly recommend anyone that is interested in a career as an Advanced barber and would like to be the best in the business to get in contact with Sharon or Michelle to get started on a course that you will not only love doing but a course you will not regret doing as it opens up so many doors for you.

I personally would like to thank Sharon and all the team for making my time at the course enjoyable and setting me on my way to being a very successful and confident Advanced Barber.

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Amy Shelly **Spreading Your Wings**

I began my training with Sharon Leavy College of Hair and Beauty in 2011. My first course with the college was the Nail Technician Diploma which I completed in 10 weeks, covering Acrylic, Gel and Shellac nails. The course is structured to teach you how to manage your potential future business. I would recommend this course to anyone who has an eye for detail, is creative and an undercover perfectionist!

After completing my Nail Diploma Sharon reviewed interview techniques with me for the Steiner interview which is an interview, theory test and practical examination for positions with the prestigious and renowned Steiner cruise ship line. I was successful in the interview and was rewarded with a contract with Steiner.

On completion of my contract, I returned to Sharon and the college in Portlaoise to discuss options for some short courses and we concluded that the CIDESCO, CIBTAC & ITEC Beauty Therapy course was the best option for me.

After my 2nd course with the college I completed more training in London at the Steiner Academy. With Sharon's advice and a new qualification I gained a position as Ionithermist on board the ship. This increased my service cost and earning potential.

These steps, taken with the help and guidance of Sharon and the college staff, have led me to take giant strides towards the life and career I now have as a Steiner Spa Manager travelling while I work onboard Carnival Cruiselines.

To date I have achieved my goals by working hard and consistently striving to be the best I can be but most importantly Sharon guided me to reach my full potential both on a personal level and within my work. The day I met Sharon she told me I had the potential to become a Steiner Spa Manager and here I am doing what I love ..

SPREADING YOUR WINGS

Life After College



*The demand for
qualified beauty professionals
is now at an all-time high.*

Sports
Massage
Therapist

who do
you want
to be?

Hair
Stylist

Beauty
Therapist

Makeup
Artist

Nail
Technician

Tutor

Barber

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WHY TRAIN WITH US?

10 GREAT REASONS

TO CHOOSE TO TRAIN WITH SHARON LEAVY | COLLEGE OF HAIR & BEAUTY

- 01 TOP OF THE CLASS** | We are one of the top Hair & Beauty Colleges in Ireland, offering courses associated with CIDESCO, CIBTAC, ITEC & VTCT.
- 02 FIRST CLASS TUTORING** | You will be educated by tutors who are passionate about their subjects and leaders in their respective fields of study.
- 03 GREAT CAREER PROSPECTS** | 85% of our learners are placed in employment while many more return to education within six months after graduation.
- 04 MODERN AND RAPIDLY EXPANDING AREA** | In recent years Portlaoise has been transformed from a rather sleepy town into an exciting and rapidly growing centre.
- 05 VIBRANT NIGHT LIFE** | Portlaoise is a vibrant town with shops, pubs and clubs, with numerous and varied places to stay and easy access to a wide range of things to do.
- 06 CENTRAL LOCATION** | Laois is very centrally located, making it an excellent base from which to explore all the wonders of Ireland.
- 07 WORK EXPERIENCE** | With all our Full & Part Time courses, work experience is one of the modules we as a college insist on, offering learners a significant insight into the real world.
- 08 GLOBAL CONNECTIONS** | We have many learners & tutors who take advantage of the numerous opportunities to study or work abroad. They are introduced to these options through the college.
- 09 COLLEGE COMMUNITY** | The college works alongside the local community through many charity events and within local secondary schools.
- 10 ATTRACTIVE FACILITIES** | The College is located close to the busy bus stop and train station, making travel easy and convenient for commuters.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS



- Educational standard of learners for all courses should be Leaving Certificate standard or an equal standard of education, or an alternative professional experience is acceptable.
- A minimum age to sit examination is 17 years.
- All applicants must attend an interview with the College Director or Training Manager.
- A final assessment will be influenced by the applicant's attitude, personality and appearance.
- Acceptance to enroll in any course at this Education Centre is at the sole discretion of the Director Ms. Sharon Leavy
- All enrolment reservations and acceptance are made subject to the conditions of the college syllabus and terms herein.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following are some of the most frequently asked questions regarding the college.

Q.1 Are the courses full time or part time?

We offer a choice of full time or part time (Evenings/Weekends) to suit each individuals needs.

Q.2 Do I have to pay for the course up front?

If you can afford to pay in full upfront, Great! However, if this does not suit your budget we have a 3-step payment plan in place, which is 35% on enrolment with two equal installments thereafter. Please also be aware that there is an additional 2.9% charge for the use of Credit Cards.

Q.3 How do I book onto a course?

You can find an application form on our website, or alternatively email the office on info@collegeofhairandbeauty.ie and we will post or Email you out an application form. If you forward this to us with a 35% deposit this will secure your place on your desired course. Please note that all booking deposits are non- refundable and non-transferable.

Q.4 Is there anything else I need to know?

The use of a computer and printer is not a necessity but it is highly recommended on all courses as it makes the work load lighter for you the learner. Learners will need paper, pens and folders. Reflecting the high standard of training and success rate of our graduates, the course does require that the learner be willing to practice at home therefore will need to purchase kits that can be used in college and for home use.

Q.5 What if I've already passed an exam previously?

This is known as Accredited Prior Learning: If you have passed an ITEC or CIBTAC module (or equivalent) you will not have to re-sit that exam again i.e. if you have completed Holistic Massage and have passed your exams in Unit 1 (A&P) and Unit 22 (Professional Conduct & Business Awareness) then when you join our Reflexology Course you will not need to re-sit those modules and you can concentrate solely on studying and passing Unit 4 (Reflexology Practical & Theory).

Q.6 Any tips for an incoming student?

Be organised. Be responsible. Pay attention. Work hard. You have invested a large amount of money and time in this course. Make sure you get the best possible qualification so you know every cent spent was worth it and you will reap the rewards in the future.

Q.7 Are the Teachers Qualified?

Each of our tutors hold Internationally recognised Teaching Qualifications, Industry Related Qualifications on the course they are committed to teach and commercial experience. We hand pick our tutors based on their passion and skills. If you choose to train at Sharon Leavy College of Hair and Beauty, we guarantee you quality training with the top tutors in the Industry.

Q.8 What subjects should I study in 5th & 6th year?

Biology, Business and Home Economics. Each of these subjects overlap with various topics you'll need to cover throughout the year, whether it is knowing how a plug is wired to what a cell is. While you may not be applying to college through the traditional CAO points system don't slack with your leaving cert studies.

Q.9 Do you not think I should study in a college in Dublin or Galway rather than here in Portlaoise?

Definitely not. You will need your family and friends around you to model for all the amazing treatments you are going to learn so you can practice as much as possible. You will probably purchase a portable couch to work on and you will need space at home to set this up. Student flats in Dublin or Galway don't come with a spare room that can be turned into your beauty room at the click of a switch. The cost of renting and living in Dublin or Galway is extremely expensive, save it for when you need to print an assignment and have no ink or need a new pot of wax to practice.

Q.10 Would you recommend doing the workshops at the same time as Beauty Therapy or wait till after?

It depends on the course. Some part time courses like the nail technician course require more effort than a workshop like threading. It's definitely something to consider as you will need to complete a workshop outside your course and show this to the CIDESCO examiner and it would be great to organise this early in the year so you don't panic last minute. The workshops are great to specialise in and continue your professional development. When you do apply for a job employers generally ask what additional skills you bring to the team so these workshops help you stand out from all other candidates.

How to Apply

Three Steps To A Beautiful New Career

1 Call
057 8662600
or email
info@collegeofhairandbeauty.ie

2 **Schedule an appointment** to meet
our Principal or Training Manager
so that they can give you a
guided tour.

3 **Enroll and Start!**
Set your start date and get ready to travel
on a path to a beautiful new career!

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