

## Selecting a college

### **What you should consider when choosing a make up college**

Selecting a training college is a big decision. You want to ensure the training centre is a reputable establishment as well as ensuring it will offer you the support you require whilst attaining your qualification. Also keep in mind you will require a certain amount of work experience in order to enter the Industry.

MakeupFabLicious Academy is possibly the only college in Ireland attaching work experience to its courses. We have strong links with the industry and work extra hard to ensure we create opportunities for all students. We also hold our yearly graduate event to showcase our students work. Further, we provide FREE advertising on the MakeupFabLicious site to all graduates for a 3 months period to get them started. The Make-up artist advert site will go live in January 2010.

The course you choose is also important. You must decide whether you are willing to take an unqualified course or you would rather invest in a qualified course. In some cases the cost of an unqualified course is lower than that of a qualified course. In most cases both cost the same. Ask colleges what qualification the course leads to and whether it is a recognisable qualification of just an in-house certificate, printed by the training centre.

A qualified course is one whereby you receive a recognised qualification after sitting exams or completing a project at the end of the course. The qualification is invariably awarded by an examination board.

A course that is provided by a training centre that is neither registered as a college nor with an examination board is an unqualified course. A diploma/certificate from such establishments do not hold any true value in academic terms as it does not comprise a recognisable qualification.

The difference between a training centre that provides qualified courses and a training centre that provide unqualified courses is tremendous. Registering with an academic examination board means undergoing academic audits and following the stringent quality guidelines from the awarding board or the department of education. A training centre that is not registered does not have to undertake any audits or follow any academic guidelines.

You must also consider whether you are planning to work as a make up artist in Ireland only or whether you might want to work in other countries in the future. If you are working in Ireland only, a national qualification could be a good option. If you want your qualification to be internationally recognised on the other hand, an international qualification like ITEC might be a better option.