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SHIKAGOLD
COLLEGE OF
COSMETOLOGY
ART &
FASHION



PROSPECTUS



CHANGING BEAUTY TO CAREERS





Mission

We Are An African Beauty And Fashion Social Enterprise Training Institution, Leveraging On Problem Solving, Business And Technological Approaches In Practical Knowledge Delivery Interventions To Reduce Low Human Resource Capacity, Improving Livelihood And Economic Circumstances Of Women And Vulnerable Groups.



Vision

We Provide Affordable Related Skill Training In The Beauty Industry, Using Innovative Educational Techniques And Pathways Whilst Maintaining Holistic Development And Economic Transformation For Vulnerable Communities At The Core Of Our Delivery Process. We Support Vulnerable Groups Through Skill And Business Development Training To Improve

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If you aspire to become a qualified Beauty Therapist, Cosmetologist, Hair Stylist, Makeup Artist, Nail Technician, Skin Therapist, or Fashion Designer — with a certificate recognized across Africa and beyond — then Shikagold College of Cosmetology, Art and Fashion is the place for you.

Shikagold College of Cosmetology, Art and Fashion was founded in 2019 in Sierra Leone, and has since grown into a leading institution in vocational and creative education across West Africa.

We proudly hold full accreditation from the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) of Sierra Leone and the National Council for Technical Vocational and Other Academic Awards (NCTVA) — ensuring that our qualifications meet both national and international standards.

To date, Shikagold College has trained and empowered over 1,000 women, helping them build sustainable careers and businesses in the vibrant industries of Beauty, Art, and Fashion.

We offer a wide range of affordable, modular programs that can be taken as:

Individual pay-as-you-learn certificates

Combination Diploma Courses leading to full professional certification

Modular, flexible-time, full-time or part-time learners may enroll at any time of the year. Courses can be completed at your own pace and convenience.

All classes are conducted in small groups, ensuring close one-on-one mentorship between students and educators. This personalized training approach is the foundation of our graduates' success across the region.

Shikagold College now operates in:

- ✓ Sierra Leone (HQ)
- ✓ Ghana
- ✓ Liberia
- ✓ Guinea
- ✓ Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)

If a professional qualification in Cosmetology, Aesthetics, Beauty, or Fashion is what you are seeking, or if you wish to enhance the knowledge and skills you already have, then we warmly welcome you to the Shikagold family.

We look forward to supporting your career ambitions and helping you become an integral part of one of the most exciting and fast-growing industries in the world.

OUR PROGRAMS

At Shikagold College of Cosmetology, Art and Fashion, we offer a wide range of modular courses and Diploma programs designed to empower our students with professional skills, creative confidence, and entrepreneurial knowledge.

Whether you are starting your career or upgrading your skills, our programs are taught by industry experts and are aligned with international best practices.

Cosmetology

Description: A complete program covering beauty therapy, hair care, skin care, nail technology, and salon management. Prepares you to work as a multi-skilled beauty professional.

Career Opportunities:

- Beauty therapist
- Salon owner/manager
- Mobile beauty technician
- Cruise ship spa therapist

Prerequisites:

- Basic education
- Interest in beauty and wellness



Hairdressing & Hair Braiding

Description: Learn haircutting, styling, coloring, chemical treatments, African braiding, natural hair care, wig making, hair extension techniques shampooing and conditioning

Career Opportunities:

- Hair stylist
- Braiding specialist
- Wig maker
- Hair salon owner

Prerequisites:

- No prior experience required



Professional Makeup Artistry

Description: Covers makeup techniques for beauty, bridal, editorial, fashion, special effects (SFX), and stage. Includes color theory, face anatomy, and current trends.

Career Opportunities:



Professional makeup artist
Bridal makeup specialist
Fashion and runway makeup artist
Beauty influencer or content creator

Prerequisites:

Passion for makeup
Creativity and attention to detail

Aesthetic Skin Therapy

Description: Train in facial treatments, skin analysis, advanced aesthetic treatments, skin rejuvenation, and product knowledge.

Career Opportunities:

Skin therapist
Aesthetician in medical spa/clinic
Facial specialist
Product consultant

Prerequisites:

Interest in skincare
Prior knowledge of basic facials recommended (optional)



Nail Technology

Description: Learn manicure, pedicure, acrylic nails, gel nails, nail art, electric file use, and nail salon management.

Career Opportunities:

Nail technician
Salon/spa nail specialist
Nail educator
Mobile nail technician

Prerequisites:

No prior experience required



Fashion Design

Description: Study fashion design concepts, illustration, pattern making, sewing, garment construction, and fashion business.

Career Opportunities:

Fashion designer
Fashion entrepreneur
Pattern maker
Fashion stylist

Prerequisites:

Interest in fashion and creativity



Beauty Business & Entrepreneurship

Description: Learn how to start, run, and grow your own beauty, fashion, or wellness business. Topics include business planning, branding, social media, and customer service.

Career Opportunities:

Beauty salon owner
Fashion brand owner
Online beauty entrepreneur
Industry consultant

Prerequisites:

Open to all students and professionals



Cosmetic Science

Description: Understand the formulation of cosmetics such as skincare products, haircare, and makeup. Study ingredients, product testing, and safety.

Career Opportunities:

- Cosmetic formulator
- Skincare brand owner
- Product development specialist
- Quality control technician

Prerequisites:

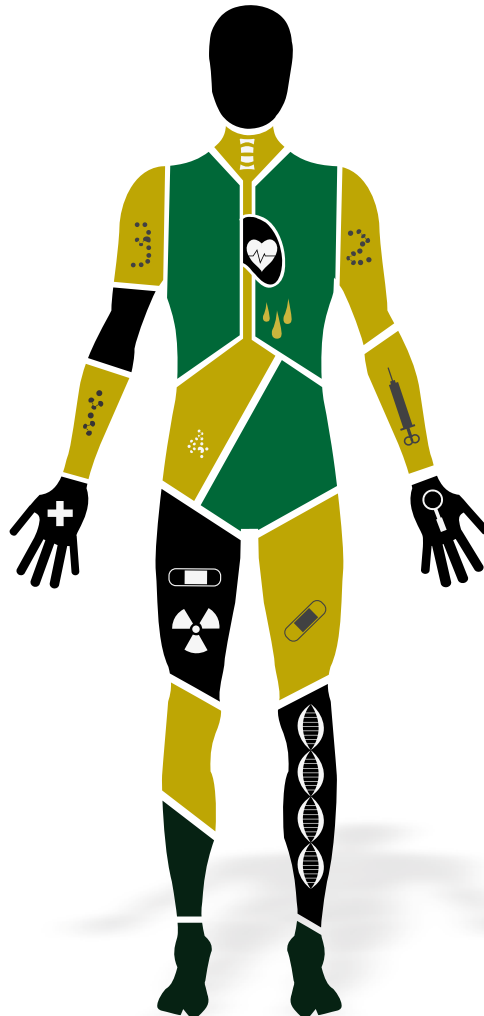
- Interest in cosmetic chemistry
- Basic understanding of chemistry recommended



Anatomy and Physiology

Description: Study body systems relevant to beauty and aesthetic treatments — skin, muscles, circulatory, lymphatic, and nervous systems.

Career Opportunities:



Aesthetician
Advanced skin therapist
Spa therapist
Beauty educator

Prerequisites:
Required for advanced skin/aesthetic courses

Chemistry

Description: Learn chemical principles related to cosmetics and beauty products, including product formulation and ingredient interactions.

Career Opportunities:
Cosmetic scientist
Beauty product formulator
Quality control specialist

Prerequisites:
Basic understanding of science helpful but not required



Facial Treatments

Description: Master professional facials including cleansing, exfoliation, massage, masks, and personalized treatment plans.

Career Opportunities:

Facial therapist
Skin clinic aesthetician
Spa therapist

Prerequisites:

No prior experience required



Waxing

Description: Learn full body waxing using strip and hot wax techniques. Focus on hygiene, client care, and speed waxing.

Career Opportunities:

Waxing specialist
Salon/spa therapist
Mobile waxing technician



Prerequisites:

No prior experience required

Massage Therapy

Description: Study various massage techniques including Swedish, deep tissue, aromatherapy, and stress-relief massage.

Career Opportunities:

Massage therapist

Spa therapist

Wellness coach

Prerequisites:

Good physical fitness required

Passion for wellness and client care



Advanced Skin Peeling

Description: Perform chemical peels for advanced skin treatment using professional acids (AHA, BHA, TCA). Treat pigmentation, acne, aging, and texture issues.

Career Opportunities:

Advanced aesthetician

Skin clinic specialist

Medical spa therapist

Prerequisites:

Anatomy & Physiology

Aesthetic Skin Therapy or basic facial training



Micro-needling

Description: Train in microneedling using dermarollers or microneedling pens. Stimulate collagen, improve scars, pigmentation, and skin texture.

Career Opportunities:

Advanced skin therapist
Medical spa aesthetician
Skin rejuvenation specialist

Prerequisites:

Anatomy & Physiology
Aesthetic Skin Therapy or Basic Facial



Lash Extension

Description: Learn lash extension techniques including classic, hybrid, and volume styles. Master lash design, safety, and maintenance.

Career Opportunities:

Lash artist
Salon/spa lash technician
Mobile lash specialist

Prerequisites:

Steady hands and attention to detail required
No prior experience necessary



Permanent Makeup (PMU)

Description: Become a certified PMU artist performing microblading, lip blush, eyeliner tattoo, and paramedical PMU. Covers skin theory, color theory, technique, and client care.

Career Opportunities:

- PMU artist
- Beauty studio owner
- Aesthetic clinic PMU specialist
- Trainer in PMU

Prerequisites:

- Anatomy & Physiology required
- Basic beauty therapy knowledge helpful

Your Career Starts Here

At Shikagold College of Cosmetology, Art and Fashion, we are committed to helping you turn your passion into a thriving profession.

Whether you are starting fresh or enhancing your skills, our accredited programs, expert trainers, and supportive learning community will prepare you to succeed in this fast-growing industry.

Join the Shikagold family today — and take the first step toward a fulfilling career in beauty, fashion, and the creative arts.

Apply now and shape your future with us.



THEODORA GHARBIN MENSAH

Proprietress & Founder
Shikagold College of Cosmetology, Art and Fashion



Theodora Gharbin Mensah is an accomplished beauty entrepreneur and educator with extensive international training and experience in the beauty and fashion industry.

Theodora began her professional journey in 2018, qualifying as a Professional Makeup Artist after completing beauty school. Eager to expand her expertise, she pursued a Master Class in Bridal Makeover that same year.

In 2022, she further advanced her skills with an Advanced Certification in Beauty and Spa Therapy in Ghana, earning multiple industry-recognized certificates across various beauty disciplines.

Determined to broaden her global perspective, Theodora traveled to Turkey where she trained in Permanent Makeup Artistry (PMU) and Lash Extension Installation. She then furthered her esthetics education at BTI Lagos, Nigeria, earning her credentials as a qualified Esthetician.

Theodora also obtained her National Vocational Training Institute (NVTI) Certificate in Cosmetology in Ghana, along with Master Craftsperson accreditation by NVTI, allowing her to teach and assess cosmetology courses professionally.

In 2024, she successfully completed and passed her international examinations in CIDESCO and ITEC, securing globally respected certifications in Beauty Therapy and advancing her standing in the international beauty education community.

As the Founder and Proprietress of Shikagold College of Cosmetology, Art and Fashion, Theodora brings a wealth of hands-on industry knowledge and a global outlook. Shikagold College currently operates across several West African countries, with official accreditation in Sierra Leone and an active roadmap to secure further international accreditations including CIDESCO, ITEC, and others.

With her strong educational background, extensive industry experience, and passion for empowering future beauty professionals, Theodora is uniquely positioned to lead Shikagold College in becoming a premier institution for Cosmetology, Art, and Fashion education across Africa and beyond.

She remains deeply committed to advancing the beauty industry and continues to champion excellence in beauty education through innovation and global collaboration.

Our full range of courses are listed below:

INDIVIDUAL COURSES

MODULAR COURSES

CATEGORY 1:

NAILS — HAND & FEET

Core Courses / Modules

- Manicures & Pedicures with Soak-off Gel
- Manicures only with Soak-off Gel
- Pedicures only
- Acrylic Nail Technology

CATEGORY 2:

HAIR REMOVAL

Core Courses / Modules

- Full Body Waxing
- Facial Waxing Only (Excellent for Barbers and Hair Stylists)
- Threading
- Brazilian Waxing

CATEGORY 3:

BROWS & LASHES

Core Courses / Modules

- Lash Extensions
- Lash Lifting & Brow Lamination
- Microblading
- Lip bushing

CATEGORY 4:

THEORY COURSES

Core Courses / Modules

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Business Administration
- Cosmetic Science
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Exercise Therapy
- Hygiene and Microbiology
- Client Relations Management
- Sanitation, health and safety

COMBINATION COURSES

Our Combination Courses are designed to give you full professional qualifications in key specialist areas — combining both practical and theory components.

Get 15% Discount when you enroll for your favorite courses in a combo package

PRICES OF COURSES INCLUDE	PRICES OF COURSES EXCLUDED
All tuition	One off registration fee
Relevant products & Materials	One off uniform fee
Examination fees Shikagold	Kit prices (for practical courses)
Linen, Towels, bowls & equipment	Textbooks (for theory courses)
	External Exam fees

OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation run by the school is available near the college but is subject to availability. There are other affordable accommodation options on request. Apply for accommodation via the application form provided, or contact us for more details.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to learning core skills in Cosmetology, Art, and Fashion, students at Shikagold College have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience by shadowing and interning with top beauty clinics, salons, spas, fashion houses, and industry professionals affiliated with the College. For further details, please contact the College directly.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING

If full-time study does not suit your schedule, you may opt for flexible, modular training courses. We encourage you to inquire about available options and course durations. Flexible learning allows you to progress at your own pace—ideal for those who wish to attend practical classes at their convenience.

Courses are supported by workbooks, self-study modules, and scheduled lectures or tutorials. You may choose to complete one module at a time, specialize in a particular area of interest, or combine multiple modules to suit your career goals.

ENTRY CRITERIA

Applicants must be a minimum of 16 years of age at the start of their chosen course and should hold a high school leaving certificate or equivalent.

International students must be a minimum of 18 years of age at the start of all courses.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE

Students are required to meet minimum attendance requirements, which vary by course. Students are expected to complete approximately 8–10 hours of self-directed study weekly, in addition to in-person classes.

To ensure readiness for the workplace, you may be required to attend additional sessions on weekends or evenings. Adequate notice will be given to allow for personal scheduling.

Working hours are as follows:

Mon – Fri: 9:00am – 5:00pm

VISIT US

We welcome prospective students to experience a day at Shikagold College! If you wish to explore your chosen career path and meet our team, please contact us to arrange a visit.

TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR SHIKAGOLD COLLEGE OF COSMETOLOGY ART & FASHION STUDENTS



My name is Mamouda Aiasha Melisa Mansaray I'm the CEO of Lisa's Beauty Makeover. I am a past student of Shika Gold Beauty Academy .I joined them in 2021 and I got nothing but the best experience ever.

I went there not knowing anything about makeup but here I am Today as my own Boss . She made teaching easy and fun for me the teachers and workers also were so accommodating.

I felt that my money and time spent was indeed worth it and I really do appreciate their efforts and support till date. So don't wait to be told be part of Shika Gold Beauty Academy today and thank me later.

My experience at Shikagold College of Cosmetology, Art and Fashion was both amazing and unforgettable.

The college played a key role in enhancing not only my academic knowledge but also my interpersonal and professional skills. My name is Olivia M. Moore, and today, I am proud to be the Founder and CEO of Presh's Beauty Empire—a dream that started at Shikagold and has now become my reality.



My name is Lucky A. Ceed, and I am a proud graduate of Shikagold College. Before enrolling, I didn't know how to draw eyebrows or apply makeup. But during my time at Shikagold, I gained the skills and confidence to master a wide range of makeup techniques, including birthday makeup, party makeup, European wedding makeup, traditional wedding makeup, and African makeup. I also learned how to expertly tie head wraps (gele).

Today, I am not only an actress but also a professional makeup artist. When we're on set, I handle all the traditional makeup looks. I also provide makeup services for birthdays, graduations, and other special events and I offer home services as well.

Shikagold transformed my passion into a profession, and I'm grateful for the journey.



Enrolling at Shikagold College of Cosmetology, Art and Fashion was truly one of the best decisions I've ever made. The training was thorough, hands-on, and absolutely life-changing.

Each instructor brought passion, knowledge, and dedication into every lesson, making learning both empowering and inspiring. Today, I'm proud to serve as an educator at our Liberia branch—mentoring and shaping the next generation of beauty professionals.

Shikagold didn't just equip me with skills; it gave me a career, a purpose, and a family.—Fatu Conteh Educator – Shikagold College, Liberia Branch

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