



2015 COURSE PROGRAM FILE:

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GIP - GROOMER COURSE

THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT COULD PAY UP TO \$3,700.60 LEAVING YOU WITH THE BALANCE OF \$75 FOR THE APPLICATION FEE

COURSE CODE: GIP COURSE TITLE: GROOMER INSTRUCTION PROGRAM COURSE PRICE: \$3,700.60

GIP - Groomer Instruction Program

Stage 1 – INTRODUCTION TO GROOMING - 28 Days (2.00 Units)

This stage educates students on the introductory knowledge of the grooming industry. You will learn about the origination of grooming and how it has developed over the years. You will also learn about the anatomy of a dog and cat, including the proper movement of the joints, which will prove to be beneficial when needing to groom areas that require you to move an animal's leg, tail, etc. Included in this stage, you will find information on the breed groups and the common temperaments for each group. Additionally, this stage discusses ergonomics and ways in which to perform tasks without causing any strain or damage to your own joints and muscles.

Stage 2 – A GROOMER'S TOOLKIT - 21 Days (4.67 Units)

This stage is designed to introduce the student to the many types of grooming tools. These include: clippers and blades, brushes and combs, shedding aids and de-matting tools, shears, nail clippers, shampoos and conditioners, tables, dryers and much more. Students will learn how to maintain their tools and what the benefits are for using each item. Whether or not every tool is used, it is critical for students to have a basic understanding of each tool and how to properly utilize it should they need to use it during their grooming career.

Stage 3 – HEALTH & SAFETY - 14 Days (4.67 Units)

In this stage, students are taught about the importance of how to maintain a safe work environment for themselves and other pets in the grooming shop. You will learn the fundamentals of animal restraint and handling. Additionally, as groomers are generally the first to notice any health problems with an animal, you will also be educated the common skin and medical disorders, how to identify them and how to report them to the pet's owner.

Stage 4 – CAT GROOMING - 28 Days (6.67 Units)

In this stage, you will learn the fundamentals of cat grooming. A key factor that sets ABC's Grooming Program apart from other grooming schools is our educational materials contain viable information on how to groom cats. You will learn the pertinent skills needed to become a cat groomer, including how to properly handle and restrain felines, bathing, brushing and drying techniques, dental care and clipping excess fur. With your cat grooming education, you will be able to set yourself apart from other groomers by offering feline services that many of your competitors won't.

Stage 5 – DOG GROOMING DETAILS - 14 Days (2.00 Units)

In this stage, students learn how to conduct the preliminary steps in the grooming process. Your studies will range from nail trimming, ear cleaning, eye care and how to remove eye stains to cleaning wrinkles and dental care. You will also learn about finishing touches, such as how to create and apply bows and bandanas.

Stage 6 – BATHING, BRUSHING AND DRYING - 28 Days (6.00 Units)

This stage contains invaluable information on how to properly bath, brush and dry dogs based upon their coat type. Not all dogs have the same type of coat, so it is important that you learn about the different techniques and procedures for grooming dogs depending on their coat.



Stage 7 – CLIPPER USE & SCISSOR CONTROL TECHNIQUES - 14 Days (4.00 Units)

Two of the most common tools you will use in your career as a grooming professional are clippers and shears. This stage was designed to provide you with the essential knowledge on how to utilize and master them both. Clipper instruction includes how to properly hold clippers, clipping patterns, how to remove a dog's coat and ideas for desensitizing a puppy or dog new to grooming. Scissoring skills you will become knowledgeable with consist of how to choose the right shear, how to hold your shears, basic scissoring skills and finishing techniques through the use of hand-scissoring.

Stage 8 – BODY STYLES & BREED SPECIFIC CUTS - 35 Days (6.67 Units)

This stage focuses on educating you on different body styles for dogs. Once you are knowledgeable of the different style of cuts for a dog's head, stomach, legs, tail, etc., you will learn how to incorporate them all for specific breed cuts. You will be educated on how to complete grooming cuts for some of the most common breeds, including the Poodle, Shih-tzu, Yorkshire Terrier and Schnauzer.

Stage 9 – BUSINESS BUILDING - 21 Days (5.33 Units)

This stage explores the business side of the grooming industry. Your education will consist of valuable information regarding starting your own grooming shop or mobile grooming business, including how to create a business plan, how to create a budget and how to successfully market your business using a variety of techniques. Additionally, this stage will provide you with the skills and information needed to work as an employee in the pet industry, including resume writing, job search skills and interviewing techniques.

Stage 10 - EXTERNSHIP - Up to 21 Weeks (3.33 Units)

Upon reaching Stage 10, you will have the unique opportunity to reinforce your studies by practicing what you have learned in a grooming facility. Unlike other programs that generally charge in excess of \$8,000 for a hands-on program, we include this rewarding and educational experience at a fraction of the cost as an essential part of the ABC learning experience. We believe that a hands-on component will provide each student with a better understanding and working knowledge of what is expected of a groomer in the working world.

As a student, you will be evaluated on your aptitude for performing the tasks expected of a professional groomer. This stage allows you the opportunity to put what you have learned into practice. The externship consists of a minimum of 100 hours of unpaid work experience which combines grooming basics with mastery skills while assisting a professional groomer with their four-legged clients.

Stage 11 – FINAL EXAM & GRADUATION - 14 Days (3.33 Units)

The Final Exam is given once your course work and externship have been successfully completed. You will review all of the material presented in the previous stages to prepare for the final. This review time is allotted for you to re-read and study the various concepts that have been taught. The Final Exam is designed to test your overall knowledge of skills required to become a professional groomer and will cover all areas of the curriculum.