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Woofie's Academy Grooming School

Program Overview

- We use the **Groom Curriculum** for a structured and standardized experience. The Groom Curriculum is an accredited curriculum through the National Council for Continuing Education and Training (NCCET) and affiliated with the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the World Pet Association (WPA). Groom Curriculum was developed by award-winning contest groomers and licensed educators using cutting-edge educational methods, merging online learning with intensive hands-on experience.
- All of the Instructors have been certified by the Groom Curriculum and are either certified National Dog Groomer Association of America Master Groomers (NDGAA) or AKC certified Professional Groomers (PG) with many years of experience. Each Instructor will provide instruction based on the Groom Curriculum structure, but each one brings their own interests, talents and specialties to their teaching, making it a well-rounded and diverse experience
- Students attend hands-on instructional classes 4 days per week, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9am – 4pm with a 1-hour break.
- On Thursdays, Students will spend the day with a Groomer either in a van or in the salon in a hands-on paid apprenticeship. The hourly pay would be \$12/hour.
- Students use an online Learning Management System (LMS) and workbook for 10 hours per week for additional learning on topics such as dog breeds and conformation, animal behavior and handling, safety practices and procedures, ergonomics, and learning and practicing durable skills such as customer service, communication, teamwork, time management, and developing a growth mindset.
- Each student is issued all of the books, uniforms, tools and supplies necessary for the program and for effective grooming.
- The program length is 12-weeks for 480 hours of hands-on instruction and classroom learning.



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- Upon successful completion of the 12-week program and 240 hours of grooming, students would take the American Kennel Club (AKC) S.A.F.E. (Safety, Assurance, Fundamentals, Education) exam and the Professional Groomer practical and written exam.
- Each student would receive Career Counseling. For students who demonstrate mastery of grooming, and the durable skills may be offered one of a limited number of slots at a Woofie's location.