

# Getting Started Guide

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We want to make sure the Dog Grooming course is the best fit for you. The following checklists outline the requirements that will help you succeed in the course and in your career. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## Technology requirements

A working computer and/or tablet

A smart phone and/or camera with photograph and video capabilities

Up-to-date Internet browser

Up-to-date Flash player

Up-to-date Adobe Reader program

## Health requirements

Are you comfortable standing and walking for extended periods of time?

Are you comfortable manipulating your body into different positions? (e.g. twisting, turning, bending).

Are you comfortable lifting and carrying heavy animals and heavy equipment? (e.g. up to 30lbs).

Are you able to firmly grasp tools and equipment with both of your hands?

Are you comfortable interacting with and potentially restraining dogs?

Are you comfortable being exposed to dirt and debris, strong odors, loud noises and animal hair and dander?

Are you comfortable being exposed to a dog's bodily fluids and/or skin conditions?

Are you comfortable working with chemical solutions such as shampoos and cleaners?

Do you have sufficient use of your senses? (Sight, smell, touch, hearing)

If you are pregnant, do you have permission from your doctor to complete the dog grooming course?

# Equipment requirements

To succeed as a dog groomer, you'll need to continuously invest in your toolkit. As you begin working in the industry and building your client list, you'll quickly earn back the cost of your kit. Keep in mind that you don't need to acquire the items on this list all at once. The flexibility of online learning allows you to invest in the required tools at your own pace. And when you enroll, you'll receive a professional-quality Dog Grooming Starter Kit for FREE. This kit contains many of the items you need to get started. QC Pet Studies students also receive exclusive discounts from a number of pet retailers.

## Items included in your Dog Grooming Starter Kit

- A selection of professional grooming scissors (including straight scissors, curved scissors and thinners and/or blenders)
- Clippers
- A selection of snap-on combs
- Combs
- A selection of brushes (including a slicker brush, bristle brush and pin brush)
- Undercoat rake
- Dematting tools
- Nail clippers (small and large)

**Note:** You will need a few additional items that are affordable and easy to find. In fact, you most likely already have them in your home. Each assignment includes a list of required and optional materials so you have time to prepare.

## Items you will need to purchase

Grooming table with a Grooming Arm (recommended) (approximately \$150 - \$200)

Bathing setup (depending on your setup, you may need restraints and/or a shower head attachment) (approximately \$40)

Dog shampoo (approximately \$10)

Towels (approximately \$10)

High-velocity and/or stand dryer (approximately \$200 each)

Protective head gear to be used with a high-velocity dryer (approximately \$30)

Leash to restrain the dog (approximately \$30)

Styptic product (or alternative) (approximately \$5)

Ear powder (approximately \$5)

Ear cleaning solution (approximately \$10)

Cotton pads (approximately \$5)

Elastic grooming bands (approximately \$5)

Dog bandana (approximately \$10)

Nail file (approximately \$5)

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