**Position Overview**

Barbers are employed by barbershops where they are expected to perform hair cutting, styling and grooming tasks. They provide consultation to clients about hair care, new trends and styles and also suggest hair and skin treatments.

It is important for barbers to get training in cutting and styling hair. Many barbershops hire apprentices who work alongside senior barbers and learn the trade . Barbers need to be knowledgeable of current hair trends and styles and possess the ability to implement them on clients. They also need to be informed about hair care products as barbershops often have a retail section and barbers are required to sell them by utilizing their suggestive selling skills.

**Job Requirements**

Most barbershops require a minimum of a high school diploma or a GED from the people they hire as barbers. Senior barbers usually hire trainees and oversee their work and once an individual gets a complete training, s/he can work independently or with minimal supervision.

Barbers need to possess exceptional communication skills as they engage clients in conversation constantly. They should be able to take directions and follow instructions provided by clients.

Below is a list of duties that barbers perform on a typical day at work: