Don’t get stuck in a career rut. Continuing education is imperative for anyone who (like you!) is serious about providing clients the best services on the planet. But you can’t rely on dumb luck to find the best hair and skincare classes. We’ve rounded up the most highly acclaimed advanced academies to offer you a tantalizing view at your enlightened future. So pick up that shoe—or, phone—and make the call. It’s time to get schooled!

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Get Smart
You don’t need to be a secret agent to uncover the best education in the country!

THE ESCUEN ACADEMY
Chino, CA
866.476.9778

Brand-spanking new, The Esuchen Academy incorporates Eastern thought and philosophy with modern Western practices. Learn an innovative approach to hairstyling in The Tao of Hair, a class that combines Chinese Taoist and Buddhist philosophy with Western art and design concepts. Also check out Yin/Yang, a five-day advanced course that guides participants in using Asian-based disciplines in everyday life.

FAROUK UNIVERSITY
Houston, TX
800.337.8175, ext. 3131

Farouk University offers numerous courses in cutting, coloring and styling, in addition to a four-hour class, The Business of Hair, designed to help you develop your potential as a stylist. However, the crown jewel of the program is International Master of the Arts, a combo of three seminars: Creative Trend Cutting and Styling, Color Blue Prints and Art of Styling. This three-day program introduces you to the latest trends in hairdressing.

Academy at Century Park East
Los Angeles, CA
310.275.1175

Opening in January 2008, Alterna’s new advanced academy will offer courses such as the Blockbusters, which teaches you cutting techniques to translate trends into reality, and Hollywood Production, which gives you know-how to succeed in editorial shoots.

AMERICAN CREW MENSWORK ACADEMY
41’s Barber Shop
Denver, CO
800.598.CREW

American Crew offers education to stylists who are new to the men’s haircutting game (Menswork Method 01) as well as seasoned pros (Menswork Method 02). In each class, educators take a hands-on approach to teaching the technical aspects of men’s haircutting.

ASK: SCHWARZKOPF PROFESSIONAL NY ACADEMY
New York City
877.219.1955

Situated in Soho, the Schwarzkopf Professional NY Academy provides nine different courses, all with a max of 20 participants, such as Photography Styling, which gives you tips to prep and style for a photo shoot. Additionally, all of the two-day classes can be applied to continuing education state requirements.

AVEDA ACADEMY NEW YORK
New York City
312.524.2400

Housed in a state-of-the-art, 4,700-square-foot building, Aveda Academy New York has a super-low teacher-to-student ratio of 1:6. The newest class is Razor Essentials, where you can choose either one, two or three days of instruction. Also hot on the roster is Runway Styling, a two-day seminar that teaches Fashion Week styling tricks along with backstage etiquette. Bonus! Each participant is given an opportunity to be part of the Aveda Fashion Week team!

COLORCUTTING USA ACADEMY
Carefree, AZ
800.541.8999

Need to get away from it all in order to learn? Check out Linda Yodice’s and Scott Cole’s ColorCutting USA Academy, located in the wonderfully rustic Carefree, Arizona. During several different advanced courses you’ll receive hands-on insight into ColorCutting, a creative combination of color placement and hair cutting.

CURLABORATION
Devachan Hair and Spa
New York City
877.DEVA123

daniel@devaconcepts.com

Located in the Devachan Hair and Spa salon, the Curlaboration seminar/workshop teaches the latest dry cutting, coloring, cleansing and styling techniques—for curly clients only. Additionally, you’ll gain knowledge of PINTURA, the company’s award-winning hair painting technique designed to capture, emphasize and define the movement and dynamism of each curl.

ColorCutting USA Academy
Carefree, AZ
800.541.8999

Institute of Courage

ACADEMY AT CENTURY PARK EAST

In December 2007, Alan Gordon, the founder of the renowned Aldo Gordon Cosmetology School, opened the doors to the first-ever Academy at Century Park East. This new and innovative school offers a comprehensive range of courses, from entry-level programs to advanced training in hairdressing, skincare, makeup, and more.
in cutting and styling by exposing you to the world of high fashion; guiding you through different color patterns and placements; and showing you how to create fashion-forward editorial looks.

The Goldwell Academies
The Academy @ Baltimore Linthicum Heights, MD
The Academy @ O.C. Irvine, CA
The Academy @ Toronto Mississauga, ON
The Academy @ Vancouver Coquitlam, BC
800.627.3377
Hosting a myriad of courses, Goldwell’s Academies provide the modern hairdresser a comfortable environment for maximum learning, confidence and success. And just to prove that you’re never too experienced to learn new tricks, Constructing and Deconstructing Color only admits 30 seasoned colorists with 8 to 10 years of experience.

Institut’ DERMed College of Advanced Aesthetics
Atlanta
770.454.7786, ext. 3
Offering postgraduate classes, the IDCAA empowers skincare specialists with knowledge and proven treatment systems. The academy offers three different courses: Three-Day Advanced Spa Level Intensive for aging skin; Three-Day Advanced Clinical Level Intensive for peels and exfoliation; and Five-Day Advanced Medical Spa Intensive, which covers medical spa protocols.

Institute of Courage
Topanga Canyon, CA
818.435.0864
The creative soul of Sexy Hair, The Institute of Courage is a visually stunning space that features numerous classes designed to inspire, motivate and challenge all who attend. Two brand-new classes to keep in mind when registering: Structure in Motion 2 promises to take stylists to a whole new level of cutting, and Rock the Stage! helps stylists realize their dreams of becoming a platform artist.

International Dermal Institute
Locations all across the globe
888.29.CLASS
Education doesn’t end with a cosmetology license. That’s why the International Dermal Institute updates its classes every six months. The curriculum features highly focused classes, such as Photo Damage and Aging Skin and Treating Rosacea and Sensitized Skin.

Isao Isejima Artistic Institute
Darien, CT
800.242.9283, ext. 7900
Zotos International’s Artistic Institute is a 4,500-square-foot education center where Joico and ISO guest artists demonstrate the latest cut and color trends. The newest class available allows you to gain hands-on knowledge of Joico’s Hi:DEF Trend Collection. Additional courses focus on future Joico and ISO trend releases as well as the popular “Plush” Class—a seminar that spotlights creating luxurious styles for special events.

L’Oréal Professionnel SOHO Academy
Maximus Salon and Spa
New York City
866.SOHO.NYC
L’Oréal Professionnel SOHO Academy features innovative courses, including Shoot to Win with NAHA-winner Anna Pacitto-Merlo, which coaches you to create winning photos for major hair competitions like NAHA. Another class to check out: Innovation Through Creation with master colorist, artist and poet Michael Ruggiero, a two-day, hands-on color class that uses artwork and inspiration found around NYC.

The Lydia Sarfati Post Graduate Academy
Secaucus, NJ
Repechage.com
Located just minutes outside of New York City, this state-of-the-art training facility offers a large workshop area, showers and a theater-style media center. Postgraduate education classes provide hands-on training as well as practical business solutions for estheticians and salon owners. Instructors include the Lydia Sarfati Skin Expert Team, personally selected and certified by Lydia Sarfati herself.

Mackinder-Bond Academy
New York City
866.484.8622
Want to learn from two of the most widely respected hair artists in the industry? Vivienne Mackinder and Oscar Bond personally teach and co-host a series of intimate and interactive one- or two-day programs. Each intensive class encourages artistry as well as technical skills by covering fashion, precision cutting, razor cutting, color design and editorial dress work. The Academy also features custom-designed programs for group bookings—just call for details!

Matrix Global Academy
New York City
800.805.7094
The Matrix Global Academy features features several courses with five different emphases: Shear Vision, Color Vision, Style Vision, Business Vision and Season’s Vision. The academy emphasizes the C.R.A.F.T. discipline and method, and many courses are highly interactive. Two course samples are Red Carpet to Reality with Nicholas French and Going to Extremes, which allows stylists to explore hair coloring and haircutting as separate entities.
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the secrets of session photography to help your work get noticed by beauty and fashion editors, allowing you a rare insider’s view, not to mention live models on whom you can practice.

Creative Training

Adaptive Training: or break the rules altogether with styling; bend the rules in coloring and styling; bend the rules in

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Results Beyond the Salon

not to mention live models on stations and shampoo bowls—presentation stage, modern salon stations and shampoo bowls— not to mention live models on whom you can practice.

Pivot Point International Academy

Evanston, IL
800.886.4247, ext. 7377
Pivot Point advanced education workshops grant beauty pros hands-on experience and training in the latest makeup, skincare and haircare trends. Learn everything from cutting and coloring to proper eyelash extension technique.

The Redken Exchange

New York City
888.REDKEN.4
In 2008, Redken is offering four new specialty seminars that are taught by the company’s award-winning facilitators. Explore the latest techniques and technologies with specialized courses such as Build Your Own Brand, Diagnostic Design and Full-on Curls.

Strategic Solutions Academy

Eufora International
Carlsbad, CA
800.638.3672
Eufora’s headquarters houses the Strategic Solutions Academy, which includes a variety of curriculums focused on classic and advanced cutting and styling skills as well as increasing business and marketing savvy. Among the six beauty- and business-oriented seminars available, three-day Expressions teaches Eufora’s “French” haircutting technique—a system for creating artistic, precision cuts with speed and consistency.

The Studios

The Studio, LA (Woodland Hills)
The Studio, NYC
The Studio, San Francisco
The Studio, Chicago
thestudioeducation.com
Learn the latest and greatest that Wella, Sebastian, Graham Webb and Clairol Professional have to offer at four different advanced academies across the U.S. The newest facility—The Studio, Chicago—features a practice studio with 14 stylist stations, a color bar and a 70-seat theater. The Studio, NYC boasts sophisticated technology, a revolutionary audiovisual system and optimal lighting, while The Studio, San Francisco is steeped in modern salon furniture and equipment from Welonda and Belvedere that re-create the salon environment. And in 2008, The Studio, LA—the 17,000-square-foot West Coast flagship studio—is offering salon owners and stylists more than 100 seminars and events!

TIGI Advanced Education

Dallas; New York; Santa Monica, CA
800.256.8585
TIGI’s course programs incorporate techniques that are applicable to hairdressers of every level. Among the many classes offered are Modern Classics Colour, a four-day program that combines the company’s colour theory and New Classic Colouring techniques, and Progressions, which combines three of TIGI’s most valued programs into one complete educational experience.

Vidal Sassoon International Schools & Academies

Santa Monica, CA; San Francisco; Chicago; Miami
888.757.5100, ext. 2
With locations across the U.S., Vidal Sassoon Academies make advanced education accessible for anyone who’s ready and willing to learn! The academies provide courses on coloring and cutting, from a basic five-day Classic Cut & Color course to a two-week In-Depth chemical class. Additionally, courses taken at Vidal Sassoon Chicago provide hours toward an Illinois license. Programs in different states vary.

Yuko Academy

Torrance, CA
877.985.6797
The Yuko Academy strives to unify and educate stylists on the most modern straightening techniques, bringing styling skills to the next level. Both Demo and Hands-on classes are available, which familiarize you with the Yuko line as well as G-Series Gel Type Straightening.

Paul Mitchell The School Advanced Academy

Costa Mesa, CA; Orlando, FL; Providence, RI
714.444.0788, ext. 1507
Nationally recognized artists and educators conduct two-, three-, and five-day retreats at The Advanced Academy at Paul Mitchell The School. Learn the rules in Core Training, which consists of classes in haircutting, coloring and styling; bend the rules in Adaptive Training, perfect for established stylists looking for a new approach to their craft; or break the rules altogether with Creative Training courses, which challenge you to really let your creative genius take over.

Philip Pelusi S.P.A.C.E.

Pittsburgh
888.263.4720, ext. 218
Beginning in February and continuing every other month, Philip Pelusi will be offering Results Beyond the Salon, which offers insights into advanced chemistry and the business side of the industry. Later in the year, PhotoSynthesis shares the secrets of session photography to help your work get noticed by beauty and fashion editors, allowing you a rare insider’s view, not to mention a roll of film for your own in-salon or promotional use.

Phyto Universe

New York City
212.308.0270
Phyto Universe is situated in the heart of midtown Manhattan, yet within this 6,000-square-foot space nature reigns supreme. Certified expert trainers teach you the advantages of the Phyto approach by offering a variety of classes that are designed to improve knowledge in hair treatment, styling and sales techniques. This fully equipped training center includes classroom-style seating, a presentation stage, modern salon stations and shampoo bowls—not to mention live models on whom you can practice.

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