

COURSE PREVIEW BROCHURE



Special FX Makeup


CERTIFICATION COURSE



The Special FX Makeup Course is perfect for beginners and established makeup artists who want to expand their skillset and range of services. Special FX artist Michele Mulkey will teach you a variety of industry-standard techniques to create realistic injuries, prosthetics, and more. Turn your passion for special FX makeup into a sought-after skillset and become a more marketable makeup artist!

When you take the course you'll gain...

- A world-class education that prepares you to work in cities such as London, New York, Sydney, Vancouver—and even your hometown!
- Access to exclusive makeup product discounts with today's biggest brands including MAC, Frenchie Beauty, Screenface, Urban Decay, Smashbox, and more
- The technical skills to create makeup looks ranging from aging actors, to creating realistic burn victims and zombies
- The confidence to turn your passion into a rewarding career



“I absolutely loved the Special FX course. I have a big passion for Special FX Makeup. I get home from work, get my kit out, and start getting creative. Having hand surgery recently has made it difficult. However, it hasn’t stopped me! I love seeing the reaction my creations get.”

Laura Kaltenbach
Special FX Makeup Graduate



Once you graduate, you’ll receive a certificate and an industry-recognized designation as an International Special FX Makeup Professional (ISMP). You’ll be ready to start your business and work in the industry right away!

Course Curriculum

Renowned special FX makeup artist and prop maker Michele Mulkey is your instructor for the Special FX Makeup Course. Read full-color lesson texts and watch instructional videos to see each professional technique up-close. From the basics of applying bald caps to creating bloody wounds, Michele will walk you through every step! Then, complete fun, hands-on makeup application assignments and receive personalized feedback from your tutor. If you want to become a successful business owner, take advantage of optional business training units to ensure your success!

UNIT A: Introduction to Special FX

- Safe and Sanitary Makeup Application
- Identifying Common Skin Disorders
- Bald Cap Application
- Aging Makeup
- Setting Up Your Kit
- Starting Your Own Business

UNIT B: Hair Techniques

- Working with Hair
- Stippling Techniques
- Your Role in the Production Process
- Creating a Character From a Script
- Marketing and Promotion

UNIT C: Special FX Makeup for Trauma

- Understanding Wounds
- Creating a Bruise
- Scrapes, Scratches, and Scars
- Creating Frostbite Effects
- Decomposition Effects
- Burn Types
- Working with Clients

UNIT D: Working with Blood

- Prosthetics and Blood Effects
- Pros-Aide® Transfers
- Combining Techniques
- Special Topics in Business & Career Development





Course Sample

The Special FX Makeup Course takes you through every aspect of creating a realistic special FX look. Once you've conquered the basics, you'll be ready to handle more challenging looks. Blistering burns and convincing old-age makeup only scratch the surface! Here's a sneak peek of a couple assignments you'll do for your course

Unit C: Assignment 4 – *Creating Scrapes*

For this assignment, you'll create a realistic scrape on your model's arm. Depending on the pressure applied with your sponge, you can create scrapes of different depths. This is an easy way to achieve a wound effect with little effort.

Here's what you need to do:

1. **Take a before photo of your model's clean arm.** The inner forearm works best. Ensure the picture is in focus and use natural lighting for best results.
2. **Mix together thick and thin blood on a clean palette with your palette knife.** You'll use gel blood and thinner blood consistencies to achieve the most realistic blood effect.
3. **Apply a custom blood mixture to the skin using your stipple sponge.** Use the edge and drag the sponge against the skin, leaving a blood trail. The trickiest part is adding dimension with thick and thin blood layers to mimic shallow and deep scrapes. The more variation, the better!
4. **Take a close-up photo of the finished look.** Ensure the picture is in focus and use natural lighting for the best results. Submit it along with the before photo for evaluation by your tutor.

Why we love it:

When you create blood effects for professional productions, the blood needs to look realistic and convincing. Nothing takes an audience out of a scene faster than bad special effects! Learning how to create dimension with your blood details will bring you closer to becoming a master special FX artist.



Picture perfect!

Check out some of our students' best special FX looks:



Danielle Hicks

"Frostbitten face, destroyed fingers, and a see-through hand"



Samantha Cook

"Frostbitten special FX look."



Laura Kaltenbach

"A variety of special FX looks: 3rd degree burns, bald cap application, zombie effects, bleeding wound, and blisters"

See more of the stunning makeup looks that our students have created on our student showcase!

Unit D: Assignment 5 – *Applying Zombie Makeup*

You'll use almost everything you've learned in previous units to transform your model into a zombie. Not only will you be able to practice your techniques, but you'll also have a chance to get creative!

Here's what you need to do:

1. **Take a before photo of your model's clean face.** Ensure the picture is in focus and use natural lighting for the best results.
2. **Apply the prosthetics.** Clean the skin with some alcohol and a towel before applying your prosthetics. Follow previous lessons to apply the prosthetics—the technique varies depending on the kind you use! Be sure to blend the edges down into the skin.
3. **Color the prosthetics.** Use a sponge to stipple on olive green, maroon, purple, and black cream makeup to create depth for the rotting flesh.
4. **Add blood.** Stay away from bright red blood as it's too fresh-looking for a decaying zombie. Mix gel blood with some black cream makeup and a little liquid blood for texture for realism. Don't overdo it!
5. **Take a close-up photo of the finished look.** Ensure the picture is in focus and use natural lighting for the best results. Submit it along with the before photo for evaluation by your tutor.

Why we love it:

This assignment is an opportunity for you to develop portfolio looks under the guidance of your accomplished tutor. Your portfolio is your #1 marketing tool for your artistic abilities. Showing that you can create high-impact looks by combining individual techniques will send you to the top of your local special FX industry!


Take a Look:

Your Special FX Makeup course has over 400 minutes of video demonstrating the creative techniques you need to succeed in the special FX makeup business. Here's a sneak peek of one of our video lessons on creating a realistic scratch.



Working through the Course

Your course guides are your best friend in the course! They'll lay out which lesson texts to read, videos to watch, and assignments to complete in chronological order. They contain easy-to-follow instructions for uploading assignments to the Online Student Center and downloading your tutor's personalized audio feedback.



“I love that I can work from home and in my own time. The tips and advice so far have been excellent. My only regret is not having found it sooner! I already feel more confident in who I am as an artist. I’m a strong believer in continuing to learn and grow every day! So excited to work through it all as soon as I can!”

Nadine Michelle

QC Makeup Academy Graduate



Course Instructor

Michele Mulkey has over 15 years of experience as a special FX makeup artist and prop maker in New York City and Los Angeles. She's the owner of Michele Mulkey FX Studio and has transformed the likes of Denzel Washington, Vin Diesel, Thora Birch, and Brittany Snow. With credits behind various productions such as The Last Samurai, Sin City, CSI Miami, and Charmed, she's the best person to teach you how to create realistic special effects for the camera—one step at a time!

“I’m really honored that I’m going to be able to share my passion and all of my knowledge that I’ve learned over my career to my students.”

Michele Mulkey

Your Free Special FX Makeup Kit

You'll receive a FREE starter kit with various special FX products, prosthetics, and tools to create a many different special FX looks. Use your bonus kit to successfully complete your training and become a professional special FX makeup artist!

YOUR PROFESSIONAL KIT INCLUDES:

- 2 bottles of liquid and gel blood
- 1 an injury wheel
- 1 rmg bald cap wheel
- 1 bald cap
- 5 latex prosthetics
- 2 crepe wools in brown & medium brown
- 1 stipple sponge
- 1 red and 1 black cream makeup



Your assignments may require additional items containing solvents that cannot be shipped with your other course materials. Friends Beauty has special kits (approx. \$75 USD) available for QC Makeup Academy students that include the extra materials you'll need!

Tuition

The Special FX Course tuition includes:

- Course guides, lesson texts, assignments, and instructional videos
- Access to digitized versions of all course materials through the Online Student Center
- Business training to help you start a successful business
- Access to the Career Center with the professional profile builder and business templates
- Access to a lively Student Forum where you can ask questions and collaborate with your peers
- Your certificate upon graduation



Explore your payment options on
the tuition calculator here:

“The payment plans that are available are amazing!
I have been wanting to study makeup for so long
but always found it too expensive, and I couldn't
find a payment plan that I could work with. But this
is absolutely amazing!”

Keisha Anderson
QC Makeup Academy Student



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