

Zero to Groomer Program

San Antonio Grooming Academy

*Bringing Quality & Excellence
back to Grooming*

General Information

The “Zero to Groomer” program is aimed at students who have little to no experience in pet grooming. The program is designed to teach the student everything he or she needs to know to become a fully trained, integrally prepared, ready to work, professional groomer.

If you do have some experience or knowledge and you wish to skip a course that contains information and tasks that you personally believe you can properly perform, we provide you with tests that will challenge you and will provide you with the corresponding credits (if approved, of course). This will also help to place you at the proper courses that match your knowledge and experience.

The program offers flexibility for all kinds of students: whether you have a family and/or a full-time job or you are someone who just graduated from High School, you pick the speed at which you move towards your end goal! As a full-time student, you should be able to complete the Zero to Groomer program (1,500 hours) in less than a year: approximately 10 months. As a part-time student, you should be able to complete the program in approximately 14 months. **REMEMBER:** This are just approximations, no matter what your circumstance is, you'll finish the program at your own pace and it will all depend on how involved you are and how hard you work!

Courses

ORIENTATION DAY (will be established when you enroll): This a program designed to last the whole day. It is planned to introduce our new students to their school, their program, and to present them with the knowledge they need to know before any other course or lesson.

- Academy’s policies and procedures
- Program rules and Schedules
- Human and Animal First Aid & CPR
- Sanitary Practices (Facility and equipment)
- Practices for your Safety and the Safety of the Pet (Injury prevention)

FIRST BLOCK

- Dog & Cat Anatomy (including hair and skin)
- Breed recognition (including group classifications and purpose)
- Pet body language & behavior
- Handling, holding & safety techniques
- Proper Bathing & Drying

SECOND BLOCK

- Identification of diseases, parasites & conditions (including skin)
- Handling difficult, aggressive, or pets with special needs
- Ears & Nails
- Brushing, combing & dematting
- Grooming tools & their proper use (including injury prevention)

THIRD BLOCK

- Proper roughing process (incorporating b&d, e&n, and sanitary and feet)
- Basic clipping & finishing techniques (face, feet, sanitary)
- Grooming Patterns and Clipper Techniques (Art of pet styling)
- Shaving & Close cuts
- Poodle cuts & styles (Basic and pet)

FOURTH BLOCK

- Beginner & Intermediate hand scissoring
- Terrier cuts & styles
- Handling & Holding Techniques while finishing
- Accessory making & application
- 1 OPTIONAL ADVANCED GROOMING

FIFTH BLOCK

- 1 OPTIONAL ADVANCED GROOMING
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- 1 WORKSHOP

INTERNSHIP

GRADUATION!

Costs and Tuition

\$150 non-refundable enrollment fee

\$250 in Books approx. (option to buy your own before classes start)

\$850 - \$1,100 for Grooming Starter Kit Basic or Upgraded (option to buy your own equipment and supplies before classes start, but all equipment must be approved by the instructor)

\$15,300 for full Zero to Groomer Program

APPROXIMATE TOTAL: \$16,800

Payment plans and financial agreements are available.