



# CLASSIX BARBER ACADEMY

## THE FADE SYSTEM INTENSIVE

Fades • Straight Razor • Scissor Cutting for Men

4-WEEK INTENSIVE

48 TOTAL HOURS

TUITION: \$1,500 CAD

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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| PROGRAM              | The Fade System Intensive — Classix Barber Academy                             |
| DURATION             | 4 weeks (12 sessions total)                                                    |
| SCHEDULE             | Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday — 4 hours per session                              |
| TOTAL IN-CHAIR HOURS | 48 hours of instruction and supervised practice                                |
| TUITION              | \$1,500 CAD — includes Certificate of Completion (tools & kit not included)    |
| CLASS FORMAT         | Live demonstration, guided repetition on mannequins, and live-model chair time |
| CORE FOCUS           | Skin & fade systems, straight razor work, and scissor cutting for men          |

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- **Classix Barber Academy manual** (fade charts, angle guides, checklists)
- **Certificate of Completion** — Fade Systems, Straight Razor & Scissor Cutting for Men
- **Live-model practice sessions** each week
- **One-on-one feedback** and technique correction every class

*\* Tools & kit are not included in tuition. Students are responsible for supplying their own clippers, trimmers, straight razor, shears, cape, and towels (a recommended supply list is available on request).*

### COURSE CURRICULUM

## WEEK 1 — FOUNDATIONS & FADE FUNDAMENTALS

**Week Goal:** Master tool control, sanitation, consultation, and the anatomy of a fade before ever touching a live head.

### SESSION 1 — MONDAY (4 HRS): TOOLS, SAFETY & CLIPPER CONTROL

- Hr 1** Orientation, shop standards, sanitation & bloodborne pathogen protocol, tool overview (clippers, guards, trimmers)
- Hr 2** Clipper grip, hand position, and body stance; guard system breakdown (#1–#8) and blade zero setting
- Hr 3** Mannequin practice: straight-line clipper passes, even pressure, and cutting angles
- Hr 4** Client consultation basics: head shape, hair growth pattern, and reading a reference photo

### SESSION 2 — TUESDAY (4 HRS): FADE THEORY & THE THREE ZONES

- Hr 1** Anatomy of a fade: the 3-zone system (bald/skin zone, blend zone, transition zone)
- Hr 2** Low fade fundamentals — guard sequencing and where the fade begins on the head
- Hr 3** Mannequin practice: low fade guard sequence, checking for visible lines
- Hr 4** Blending techniques intro: clipper-over-comb and shear-point blending

### SESSION 3 — WEDNESDAY (4 HRS): MID & HIGH FADES

- Hr 1** Mid fade and high fade placement — where they start and how the blend ratio changes
- Hr 2** Freehand clipper work without guards; controlling the blade angle for a soft blend
- Hr 3** Mannequin practice: full low/mid/high fade rotation with self-critique using mirrors
- Hr 4** Live-model practice #1 (paired/supervised): first supervised fade on a real client, instructor walk-through

## WEEK 2 — FADE SYSTEM MASTERY

**Week Goal:** Build speed and precision across all fade types, including skin fades and taper work, with full live-model repetition.

### SESSION 4 — MONDAY (4 HRS): SKIN FADES

- Hr 1** Skin fade technique: zero-gapping, blade angle control, and skin safety
- Hr 2** Working with fine trimmers for hairline and skin definition
- Hr 3** Mannequin practice: full skin fade start to finish
- Hr 4** Live-model practice #2: supervised skin fade with instructor feedback

### SESSION 5 — TUESDAY (4 HRS): TAPER FADES & BALD FADES

- Hr 1** Taper fade technique — subtle blends for classic and corporate styles
- Hr 2** Bald fade (drop fade) technique and identifying which clients suit it
- Hr 3** Mannequin practice: taper and drop fade repetitions
- Hr 4** Live-model practice #3: client's choice of taper or drop fade, instructor-supervised

### SESSION 6 — WEDNESDAY (4 HRS): TEXTURE, LINE-UPS & SPEED

- Hr 1** Line-up and edge-up technique with trimmers — front hairline, sideburns, and neckline
- Hr 2** Adding texture on top with clippers and shears; working with different hair types and curl patterns
- Hr 3** Speed drills: full fade completed within a target service time
- Hr 4** Live-model practice #4: full fade + line-up, timed and evaluated

## WEEK 3 — STRAIGHT RAZOR CRAFT

**Week Goal:** Develop safe, confident straight razor control for shaves, line work, and razor-finished fades.

### SESSION 7 — MONDAY (4 HRS): RAZOR FOUNDATIONS

- Hr 1** Straight razor anatomy, blade care, stropping technique, and safe handling
- Hr 2** Grip, wrist rotation, and the correct cutting angle for skin safety
- Hr 3** Practice pad/synthetic skin drills: straight strokes, curved strokes, and short strokes
- Hr 4** Hot towel prep and pre-shave skin preparation protocol

### SESSION 8 — TUESDAY (4 HRS): RAZOR LINE WORK & SHAVE-UPS

- Hr 1** Razor line-ups: crisp hairline and neckline definition using a straight razor
- Hr 2** Razor shave-up (bald fade finished with razor) technique
- Hr 3** Mannequin/pad practice: razor line-ups and shave-up drills
- Hr 4** Live-model practice #5: supervised razor line-up on a live client

### SESSION 9 — WEDNESDAY (4 HRS): FULL FACIAL SHAVE SERVICE

- Hr 1** Full straight razor shave sequence: prep, first pass, and grain direction
- Hr 2** Second pass, sensitive-area technique (jawline, upper lip, neck), and aftercare
- Hr 3** Beard lineup and shape-up with razor and trimmer combination
- Hr 4** Live-model practice #6: full shave or beard lineup service, instructor-supervised

## WEEK 4 — SCISSOR CUTTING & FINAL CERTIFICATION

**Week Goal:** Layer scissor-cutting technique onto fade and razor skills, then combine everything into a complete client service.

### SESSION 10 — MONDAY (4 HRS): SCISSOR FUNDAMENTALS

- Hr 1** Shear anatomy, grip, and finger control; cutting vs. thinning shears
- Hr 2** Scissor-over-comb technique for tight, precise fades and tapers
- Hr 3** Mannequin practice: scissor-over-comb sides paired with clipper fade base
- Hr 4** Point cutting and texturizing on top for natural movement

### SESSION 11 — TUESDAY (4 HRS): CLASSIC MEN'S SCISSOR CUTS

- Hr 1** Classic men's scissor cut structure: sectioning, guidelines, and elevation
- Hr 2** Cutting to a length guide over the top and crown; blending into a faded side
- Hr 3** Mannequin practice: full scissor cut with fade base, start to finish
- Hr 4** Live-model practice #7: full scissor cut + fade combination service

### SESSION 12 — WEDNESDAY (4 HRS): FINAL PRACTICAL & CERTIFICATION

- Hr 1** Review session: fade troubleshooting, razor safety recap, and Q&A
- Hr 2** Final practical exam, Part 1: complete fade of examiner's choice (low/mid/high/skin), timed
- Hr 3** Final practical exam, Part 2: razor line-up or shave-up + scissor finishing work
- Hr 4** Portfolio photos, feedback session, and Certificate of Completion presentation

## GRADING & CERTIFICATION

A student must complete all 12 sessions and pass the final practical exam with a combined score of **75% or higher** to receive their Certificate of Completion from **Classix Barber Academy**.

| Component                                     | Weight |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Attendance & participation (12 sessions)      | 20%    |
| Weekly mannequin/live-model practicals        | 30%    |
| Straight razor safety & technique check-off   | 20%    |
| Final practical exam (fade + razor + scissor) | 30%    |

## PREREQUISITES & CLASS SIZE

- **No prior barbering experience required** — this program is built for beginners and career-changers.
- Must be **18 years or older**.
- **Small class size** to guarantee direct, one-on-one instructor time each session.
- Students should wear closed-toe shoes and be prepared to stand for extended periods.