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Perfume

2026

course guide

Course breakdown – 5 days



Day 1 & 2 – Theory

- Perfume history & evolution – how scent has shaped culture.
- Fragrance families & note structure – top, middle, base and how they interact.
- Ingredient basics – natural vs. synthetic, safety rules and regulatory points (e.g., EU allergen list).
- Formulation fundamentals – dilution rates, concentration (eau de toilette, parfum, etc.).



Day 3 & 4 – Visual

- Live “nose” demos – watch the instructor break down a commercial perfume and identify its notes.
- Material showcase – see the 23+ essential & fragrance oils, carrier oils, butters, waxes, and packaging options up close.
- Blending labs – visual walk-through of measuring, mixing, and testing accords; students observe the evolution of a scent from spray to dry-down.



Day 5 – Practical



- Using your starter kit, you'll create a 50 ml perfume (including accords, oils and bases) while the trainer guides you in real-time. The focus is on blending and note-taking



**once you've wrapped up the video-call
practicals you'll also get:**

- a list of trusted raw-material suppliers,
- contacts for packaging suppliers (bottles, caps, boxes),
- a branding guide to help you design your own label, and
- a certified certificate shipped after the video-call practicals.

Get your curiosity cranked up and your questions ready—because the live webinar is the perfect stage to unleash them! 🎵🎤✨



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