Get your fill of skills

FACE AND BODY WAXING
The Singapore Spa Institute (SSI) provides a four-day course spanning 32 hours which equips students with the skills required for waxing. SSI’s chief executive of business development, Nancy Lim said: “This course is a good stepping stone for people who are new to the beauty industry and who wish to acquire a new skill in a short period of time.”

Waxing for the body is divided into parts such as hands, legs and the bikini area. The course is priced at $300 before goods and services tax (GST), and the Government subsidises up to 95 per cent of the cost.

“The waxing industry is gaining popularity in Singapore and while it is a good skill to have, other courses can also be available in waxing as well, such as full facials or manicures,” Ms Lim said.

BREAD MAKING
Enjoy eating croissants, bagels, chappati or ciabatta? Now you can learn to make your own bread with a course provided by the People’s Association (PA).

Create your own croissants to an assortment of breads such as baking and the fermentation process.

A PA spokesman said: “This course will be useful for those who are keen to explore the food and hospitality industry or are homebakers.”

The different courses will allow you to choose your favourite breads, and each three-hour lesson will specialise in making one type of bread. The course for those aged 50 and below, is priced at $10 for members, $20 for non-members and $30 for non-members. For those aged above 50, PAssion Card members only pay $10 while non-members pay $20.

CHINESE PAINTING — FLOWERS AND BIRDS
Learn the basic strokes of Chinese painting and create art pieces.

A course for the Community Education office in the National Academy of Arts will teach students how to paint flowers and birds, and learn how to paint them.

The course consists of 10 sessions. Each session is three hours long and is conducted once a week.

The total cost of the four short courses is $800, and students will also need to pay for registration and other relevant fees, which cost $80.50 in total.

MUSIC APPRECIATION
If the works of famous composers such as Vivaldi and Bach interest you, this course provided by SIM University (UniSIM) will be just for you.

It covers historical, social and cultural insights into well-known music compositions.

Participants will be able to pick up skills such as recognizing change in musical developments from the 12th to the 20th century and get a holistic understanding of musical elements.

A UniSIM spokesman said: “This course provides an introduction to the development of music, revolutions in the Renaissance period, early to late European music, and music in the 20th century and beyond.”

The course is eight weeks long, and each week is devoted to one major style period in the development of music. It costs $1,262.60 inclusive of GST.

SIM University’s spokesman said: “Topics covered include Western music, music, and music in the 20th century and beyond.”

Here’s what you need to know before applying for SkillsFuture Credit courses.

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The Government will make further top-ups to individuals’ SkillsFuture Credit at regular intervals, which will be announced at a later date.

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