



## **ITEC Level 3 Award in Stone Therapy Massage**

### **QAN 601/0597/5**

### **Specification**

#### **Aims and Objectives**

The main aim of the ITEC Level 3 Award in Stone Therapy Massage is to enable Learners to gain the necessary practical skills and knowledge in order to provide Stone Therapy Massage to the general public and to gain employment in the Spa and Beauty Industry. The qualification is suitable for Learners aged 16 and over and is designed to provide occupational competence at Level 3. It also provides a sound platform into further learning at Levels 3 and 4

#### **Content**

This qualification is for Learners who want to work within the Beauty Therapy Industry. The qualification consists of 1 mandatory unit with a total of 75 hours of Guided Learning (GL) to achieve the full qualification

The main skills the Learner will perform are:

- Stone Therapy Massage - to include the use of techniques and stones such as classical massage movements, trigger point work, semi-precious, hot and cold stones and adapting the treatment to the clients' specific treatment needs

The Learner will also develop knowledge about client care and communication which is essential in order to work and be successful in the Industry

This qualification also provides:

- The related knowledge and understanding required to perform the Massage treatments outlined above effectively, in particular the anatomy and physiology of the body and common diseases and disorders that may affect whether a client should or should not receive treatment
- Opportunities for Learners to focus on the development of their wider skills in a Massage and electrical treatment setting, such as communicating with clients, working with others and problem solving
- Opportunities for Learners to develop a range of skills, techniques, personal qualities and attitudes essential for successful performance in employment as a Stone Massage Therapist

#### **Why Choose the ITEC Level 3 Award in Stone Therapy Massage?**

1. This Qualification combines the full range of skills and knowledge for the Learner seeking employment or self-employment as a Stone Massage Therapist at Level 3. There are other ITEC Diplomas that contain Stone Therapy Massage; however, these also contain other types of Massage techniques. This qualification enables Learners to specialise in Stone Therapy Massage and may be suitable for Continuous Professional Development for those who are already qualified and working in the Industry
2. This Qualification is listed in the Ofqual Register of Qualifications
3. This Qualification contains all the skills and knowledge required for employability at Level 3
4. Learners may progress on to qualifications such as the ITEC Level 3 Diploma in Spa and Body Treatments, the ITEC Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy, the ITEC Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Beauty Therapy, the ITEC Level 3 Apprenticeship in Beauty Therapy – General, the ITEC Level 3 Apprenticeship in Spa Therapy and the ITEC Level 4 Diploma in Salon and Spa Management or a Degree in Management at University

5. This qualification does not form part of an Apprenticeship
6. This qualification is recognised by all relevant professional bodies within the Beauty Therapy Industry for membership and insurance purposes at Level 3

<b>ITEC Unit Number</b>	<b>Unit Title</b>	<b>Credit Value</b>	<b>Guided Learning (GL)</b>
826	Apply Stone Therapy Massage	9	75

**Total Guided Learning - 75**

**Total Qualification Time (TQT) – 90**

**Total Credit Value for the Qualification - 9**

### **Guided Learning (GL)**

Guided Learning is 'the activity of a Learner in being taught or instructed by – or otherwise participating in education or training under the immediate guidance or supervision of – a Lecturer, Supervisor, Tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training.' This includes 'the activity of being assessed if the assessment takes place under the immediate guidance or supervision of a Lecturer, Supervisor, Tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training'

### **Total Qualification Time (TQT)**

Total Qualification Time is the number of notional hours which represents an estimate of the total amount of time that could reasonably be expected to be required in order for a Learner to achieve and demonstrate the achievement of the level of attainment necessary for the award of the qualification

### **Total Credit Value**

The total Credit Value for the qualification is equal to one tenth of the Total Qualification Time rounded to the nearest whole number

### **Assessment**

This qualification will be internally and externally assessed using a range of assessment methods as set out in the table below:-

Table 1

<b>ITEC Unit Number</b>	<b>Unit Title</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Grading</b>
826	Apply Stone Therapy Massage	Practical examination	Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100%
		Evidence of 4 treatments	Pass or refer
		plus 20 MCQ paper	Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100%

All assessment criteria and sample assessment materials for this qualification can be found [here](#)

## Grading of the Qualification

All assessment tasks required for each unit of the qualification (detailed in table 1 of the specification) must be completed and awarded a Pass mark before the complete qualification can be certificated

The overall qualification is graded, Pass - 60% - 74%, Merit - 75% - 89%, Distinction – 90%-100%. This is formed by the aggregate of the multiple-choice questions and the Final Practical Assessment

## Controlled Assessment

All theory tests must be conducted in a controlled environment and follow the procedures defined by ITEC [here](#). The theory tests will be set and marked by ITEC

All practical assessments must be conducted in a controlled environment as defined by ITEC [here](#). The practical examination will be conducted by an ITEC Examiner; however, the Centre is responsible for ensuring the examination can operate seamlessly by organising the process as defined by ITEC in the Lecturer Guidance Notes [here](#). The marking criteria and marking scheme can be found under each individual unit within the qualification [here](#). How to operate a practical examination can be found [here](#).

Failure to operate ITEC Examinations as documented in the ITEC policies and guidance notes may result in sanction(s) against the Centre e.g., withdrawal by ITEC for a particular qualification and/or withdrawal of ITEC recognition from the Centre due to Maladministration and/or Malpractice. Please see our policy [here](#).

## Recommended Prior Learning

It is recommended that Learners should have achieved a level of education equivalent to five GCSEs at grade A\*-C or a Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy prior to commencing the ITEC Level 3 Award in Stone Therapy Massage, however, exemptions may be made for adult returners with experience of the workplace

## Opportunities for Progression

Once Learners have achieved the ITEC Level 3 Award in Stone Therapy Massage they may progress on to other ITEC or equivalent qualifications at Level 3 and 4 for example:

- Level 3 Award in Indian Head Massage
- Level 3 Award in Monitor and Maintain Spa Area
- Level 3 Award in Spa Treatment
- Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy
- Level 3 Diploma in Massage and Electrotherapy

For further Awards, Certificates and Diplomas please go to [www.itecworld.co.uk](http://www.itecworld.co.uk)

## Opportunities for Employment

There are opportunities for a Stone Massage Therapist to find employment in a variety of areas:

- Beauty salon
- Spa
- Hotel or resort
- Health club
- Cruise ships

### **Relationship to National Occupational Standards**

ITEC has mapped to National Occupational Standards where they exist and has ensured that best practice in the workplace has been reflected in the qualification. ITEC has linked the qualification to the relative job roles as well as ensuring that the qualification reflects the required level of knowledge and ability for the Stone Massage Therapist at Level 3

### **Professional Body Membership and Insurance**

Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance can be obtained via The Complementary Therapist Association ([www.CThA.com](http://www.CThA.com)) and other Industry Associations who recognise the ITEC Award