

ITEC Level 2

Unit 817 – Provide Ear Piercing

Recommended Minimum Guided Learning Hours – 17

Unit Accreditation Number: F/601/5482

Learning outcome

The Learner will:

1. Be able to prepare for ear piercing

Assessment Criteria

Taught content

- 1.1 Prepare themselves, client and work area for ear piercing

1.1.1 To include:
• Preparation of working area • Equipment • Products • Work wear • Personal appearance and behaviour • Hygiene e.g. sterilising /sanitising tools and equipment • Procedures used to prepare client for treatment • Client care and modesty

- 1.2 Use suitable consultation techniques to identify treatment objectives

1.2.1 To include:
An example of a consultation form can be downloaded from www.itecworld.co.uk
• Consulting in a suitable area • Positive body language • Positioning of the client
• Good communication skills (asking open and/or closed questions where appropriate) • Professionalism • Contraindications and contra-actions
• Treatment plan • Products used • Consent • Confidentiality • Client's signature
• Under 16 years of age consent form must be signed and child accompanied by parent/guardian

- 1.3 Provide clear recommendations to the client

1.3.1 Taking into account the following:
• The outcome of the consultation • Age of client • Size of studs and posts in relation to the thickness of the ear lobe • Appropriate stud selection in relation to client allergies and/or preference • One piercing per lobe at a time - not multiple
• Dangers associated with piercing cartilage and other areas of the body

- 1.4 Select products, tools and equipment to suit client treatment needs

1.4.1 To include:
• Couch or chair • Trolley • Stool • Headband/hair clips • Bedroll • Disinfecting fluid • Magnifying lamp • Pre-packed alcohol tissues or manufacturers' cleansing solution • Cotton wool • Gloves • Mirror • Sterilising solution • Waste disposal
• Sterile water-soluble marker pen • Ear piercing gun • Pre-sterilised hypoallergenic studs: • Nickel free • Gold/silver plated studs • 9ct/18ct gold studs
• Aftercare products

<p>1.5 Describe the environmental conditions suitable for ear piercing</p>	<p>1.5.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting • Heating • Ventilation • Noise levels • Available space • Music • General hygiene • Waste disposal • Décor • Equipment e.g. workstation/trolley • Privacy • Reception areas • General use/treatment areas
<p>1.6 Describe different consultation techniques used to identify treatment objectives</p>	<p>1.6.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive body language • Positioning of themselves and client (no barriers) • Good communication skills (asking open and/or closed questions where appropriate) • Verbal and non-verbal communication
<p>1.7 Describe how to select products, tools and equipment to suit client treatment needs</p>	<p>1.7.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of selecting the correct, products, tools and equipment based on the client consultation • Couch or chair • Trolley • Stool • Headband/hair clips • Bedroll • Disinfecting fluid • Magnifying lamp • Pre-packed alcohol tissues or manufacturers' cleansing solution • Cotton wool • Gloves • Mirror • Sterilising solution • Waste disposal • Sterile water-soluble marker pen • Ear piercing gun • Pre-sterilised hypoallergenic ear studs: • Nickel free • Gold/silver plated studs • 9ct/18ct gold studs • Aftercare products • The methods, hygiene procedures and safety precautions of ear piercing treatment techniques
<p>1.8 Describe the contraindications which prevent or restrict ear piercing</p>	<p>1.8.1 To include:</p> <p>Contraindications requiring medical permission – in circumstances where medical permission cannot be obtained clients must sign an informed consent form stating that the treatment and its effects have been fully explained to them and confirm that they are willing to proceed without permission from their GP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nervous/Psychotic conditions • Epilepsy • Recent operations on the face, head, neck or ear • Diabetes • Skin cancer • Undiagnosed pain • Bell's Palsy • Dysfunctions of the nervous system • Cardiovascular conditions <p>Contraindications that restrict treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever • Contagious or infectious diseases • Under the influence of recreational drugs or alcohol • Diarrhoea and vomiting • Any known allergies • Allergies to metal • Eczema • Inflamed nerve of the face, head neck or ear • Undiagnosed lumps and bumps on the ear/lobe • Localised swelling on the ear/lobe • Cuts to the ear/lobe • Bruises to the ear/lobe • Abrasions to the ear/lobe • Scar tissue (2 years for major operations and 6 months for a small scar) • Sunburn • Urticaria • Hypersensitive skin • Skin allergies • Trapped/pinched nerve affecting the treatment area • Inflamed nerve • Keloid scar tissue • Ear infections • Severe skin conditions • Warts on the ear/lobe • Moles on the ear/lobe • Inflammation to the ear/lobe • Sunburn of the ear/lobe • Previous ear piercing • Heat rash on the ear/lobe

<p>Learning outcome The Learner will:</p> <p>2. Be able to provide ear piercing</p>	
<p>Assessment Criteria</p>	<p>Taught content</p>
<p>2.1 Communicate and behave in a professional manner</p> <p>2.2 Follow health and safety working practices</p> <p>2.3 Position themselves and client correctly throughout the treatment</p> <p>2.4 Use products, tools, equipment and techniques to suit client treatment needs</p> <p>2.5 Complete the treatment to the satisfaction of the client</p>	<p>2.1.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation of treatment • Benefits, limitations and co-operation required • Client care, modesty and support • Communication • Correct posture, hygiene and a professional approach to the client throughout treatment <p>2.2.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Precautions Act • Health & Safety at Work Act • Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations • The Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations • The Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations • The Manual Handling Operations Regulations • The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations • The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations • The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) • The Electricity at Work Regulations • Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) • Disability Discrimination Act • Data Protection Act • The Controlled Waste Regulations • Miscellaneous Provisions Act • Ear piercing premises must be registered with local council • Adhere to all product safety precautions and manufacturers' instructions • Legislation which relates to the work being carried out, the environment and the client with whom the therapist is working <p>2.3.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring the client is comfortable and correctly supported • Ensure client satisfaction with the marking of the ear lobe prior to piercing • Position client and gun to ensure safe and accurate ear piercing treatment performed • Therapist maintaining correct working posture throughout treatment • Therapist self-care <p>2.4.1 To include:</p> <p>Products, tools, equipment and techniques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couch or chair • Trolley • Stool • Headband/hair clips • Bedroll • Disinfecting fluid • Magnifying lamp • Pre-packed alcohol tissues or manufacturers' cleansing solution • Cotton wool • Gloves • Mirror • Sterilising solution • Waste disposal • Sterile water-soluble marker pen • Ear piercing gun • Pre-sterilised hypoallergenic studs: • Nickel free • Gold/silver plated studs • 9ct/18ct gold studs • Aftercare products <p>2.5.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusion of treatment in appropriate manner to meet client's needs and manufacturers' instructions • Check treatment results with client using mirror

<p>2.6 Record the results of the treatment</p>	<p>2.6.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client response to treatment and feedback • Note the outcome of the treatment • Product advice • Home care advice • Store records demonstrating knowledge of confidentiality requirements
<p>2.7 Provide suitable aftercare advice</p>	<p>2.7.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations for immediate aftercare • Do not touch the area for at least 48 hours after treatment • After 48 hours, turn ear stud twice a day with clean hands • Ear lobes should be cleaned twice a day with a sanitiser/saline solution • Keep perfume, hair gel/spray, aftershave and cosmetics away from newly pierced ears • Studs must stay in place for 6 weeks • Do not remove the ear stud if pain or swelling occurs in the pierced area – refer back to the therapist • Aftercare leaflet • Referral procedures
<p>2.8 State how to communicate and behave in a professional manner</p>	<p>2.8.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation • Treatment explanation • Client care • Hygiene • Good communication skills
<p>2.9 Describe health and safety working practices</p>	<p>2.9.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Precautions Act • Health & Safety at Work Act • Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations • The Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations • The Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations • The Manual Handling Operations Regulations • The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations • The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations • The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) • The Electricity at Work Regulations • Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) • Disability Discrimination Act • Data Protection Act • The Controlled Waste Regulations • Miscellaneous Provisions Act
<p>2.10 State the importance of positioning themselves and the client correctly throughout the treatment</p>	<p>2.10.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring the client is comfortable and correctly supported • Ensuring piercing gun is at right angle to the ear • Ensuring the marking is level/equal on both ear lobes • Ensuring accurate ear piercing treatment • Therapist maintaining correct posture throughout treatment

<p>2.11 State the importance of using products, tools, equipment and techniques to suit client treatment needs</p>	<p>2.11.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couch or chair • Trolley • Stool • Headband/hair clips • Bedroll • Disinfecting fluid • Magnifying lamp • Pre-packed alcohol tissues or manufacturers' cleansing solution • Cotton wool • Gloves • Mirror • Sterilising solution • Waste disposal • Sterile water-soluble marker pen • Ear piercing gun • Pre-sterilised hypoallergenic studs: • Nickel free • Gold/silver plated studs • 9ct/18ct gold studs • Aftercare products
<p>2.12 State the contra-actions that may occur during and following treatments and how to respond</p>	<p>2.12.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive erythema • Swelling • Inflammation • Weeping • Over cleaning • Infections • Metal hypersensitivity • Scarring • Boils and abscesses • Infection caused by hair coiled round back of the ear stud • Closed holes • Application of cool compress/saline solution • Referral procedures
<p>2.13 State the importance of completing the treatment to the satisfaction of the client</p>	<p>2.13.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concluding the treatment in appropriate manner to meet client needs and manufacturers' instructions • Check treatment results with client using mirror
<p>2.14 State the importance of completing treatment records</p>	<p>2.14.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintaining records ▪ Aftercare ▪ Home care ▪ Product advice ▪ Compliance with Data Protection ▪ Documentation of the provision of an aftercare leaflet
<p>2.15 State the aftercare advice that should be provided</p>	<p>2.15.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations for immediate aftercare • Do not touch the area for at least 48 hours after treatment • After 48 hours, turn ear stud twice a day with clean hands • Ear lobes should be cleaned twice a day with a sanitiser/saline solution • Keep perfume, hair gel/spray, aftershave and cosmetics away from newly pierced ears • Studs must stay in place for 6 weeks • Do not remove the ear stud if pain or swelling occurs in the pierced area – refer back to the therapist • Aftercare leaflet • Referral procedures
<p>2.16 Describe the blood and lymph supply of the ear</p>	<p>2.16.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aorta ▪ Common carotid artery ▪ External carotid artery ▪ Subclavian vein ▪ Jugular vein ▪ Internal jugular vein ▪ External jugular vein ▪ Posterior auricular ▪ Deep auricular ▪ Superficial temporal <p>Lymph supply to the ear to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deep and superficial cervical ▪ Anterior auricular ▪ Posterior auricular ▪ Occipital ▪ Buccal
<p>2.17 Describe the external structure of the ear</p>	<p>2.17.1 To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pinna ▪ Helix ▪ Lobe ▪ Fatty tissue ▪ Cartilage and cartilaginous tissue ▪ External auditory meatus (auditory canal)

Assessment**Unit 817 – Provide Ear Piercing****Practical Assessment**

All learners will be assessed via internal practical assessment of their technical skills and treatment techniques

Treatment evidence

Evidence of 2 ear piercing treatments to include:

Consultation including medical history and skin analysis

Treatment details

Before and after photographs

Client feedback

Aftercare and home care advice including retail recommendations and advice for further salon treatments

Learner and client signatures

Treatment date

Assignment

All learners will be assessed via an assignment for this unit. For details please see www.itecworld.co.uk

Unit 817 - Provide Ear Piercing practical assessment forms and marking criteria may be downloaded from www.itecworld.co.uk

Unit 817 - Provide Ear Piercing must be evidenced through the use of signed and dated treatment evidence forms. See www.itecworld.co.uk for sample forms

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