

**Marking Criteria  
ITEC Level 2  
Unit 817 - Provide Ear Piercing**

**APPEARANCE – 5 MARKS (0.5 mark each)**

**The candidate demonstrated:**

1. Clean, ironed professional uniform
2. Clean, neat hair, tied back/up if long and off the collar and face
3. Short, clean, well manicured nails with no varnish and clean hands
4. Clean, sensible full flat shoes, socks should be worn
5. Tights were an appropriate colour for the uniform, if wearing a skirt
6. No jewellery- with the exception of a wedding band and 1 pair of small stud earrings (religious jewellery must be taped)
7. No body or breath odour
8. No chewing gum or sucking sweets
9. No visible underskirts/underwear
10. Skirts to the knee. Trousers cropped no higher than calf/ trousers not trailing on the floor

**CLIENT CARE – 5 MARKS (1 mark each)**

**The candidate:**

1. Greeted and introduced self to client.
2. Assisted client off the couch.
3. Explained the treatment procedure to the client.
4. Ensured the client's comfort/modesty throughout.
5. Maintained a positive and professional approach to client/colleagues throughout.

**HYGIENE AND STERILISATION – 10 MARKS (2 marks each)**

**The candidate:**

1. Wiped equipment over with appropriate sanitiser before and after use.
2. Sanitised hands before, during and after treatment as appropriate.
3. Replaced lids on products and used spatulas to remove cream.
4. Disposed of cotton wool, tissues, paper roll and general waste hygienically and appropriately.
5. Used salon/clinic sterilising equipment/cabinets appropriately and sanitised, used and stored small equipment appropriately.

**PREPARATION OF THE CLIENT/EAR LOBE – 10 MARKS (2 marks each)**

**The candidate:**

1. Checked details on consultation form.
2. Checked for any contraindications.
3. Ensured ear lobes are free from hair.
4. Ensured ear lobes are free from jewellery.
5. Sanitised the ear lobes prior to treatment.

**ACCURACY OF MARKING THE EAR LOBE – 20 MARKS (5 marks each)**

**The candidate:**

1. Ensured the marking points are agreed with the client.
2. Ensured the marking points are accurate.
3. Ensured the size of the stud is suitable for the thickness of the ear lobe.
4. Ensured the marking points are balanced on both ear lobes.

**ACCURACY OF PIERCING THE EAR LOBE – 20 MARKS**

**The candidate:**

1. Ensured quick, accurate and effective treatment.

**FINISHED RESULT – 20 MARKS**

**The candidate:**

1. Checked that the finished result is to the client's satisfaction.

**AFTERCARE/HOMECARE – 10 MARKS – (2 marks each)**

**The candidate:**

1. Advised the client not to touch the area for at least 48 hours.
2. Advised the client that studs must stay in place for six weeks.
3. Advised the client to turn ear studs twice a day for 6 weeks, after 48 hours of having ears pierced.
4. Advised the client to clean ear lobes twice daily with a sanitiser.
5. Provided an aftercare leaflet for the client.

**SAMPLE ORAL QUESTIONS**

1. How would you sanitise the ear lobe prior to treatment?
2. What health and safety precautions would you take when carrying out ear piercing?
3. Describe the contraindications to the treatment?
4. Explain the procedure for marking up the ear lobe?
5. What aftercare advice would you give to the client?