

Marking Criteria
ITEC Level 3
Unit 839 – Apply and Maintain Nail Enhancements

APPEARANCE – 5 MARKS (0.5 marks 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 undershirts/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.

SELECTION, APPLICATION AND BLENDING OF TIPS – 10 MARKS (2 marks each)

The candidate:

1. Prepared the nail plate.
2. Selected correct size and shape of tip.
3. Tailored the tip to suit the shape and contour of the client's nail.
4. Correctly positioned the tip and used adhesive.
5. Blended the tip correctly.

APPLICATION OF GEL – 10 MARKS (1 mark each) 1-8 (1 mark each) and 9 (2 marks)

The candidate:

1. Wiped the client's hands and nails with appropriate sanitiser before treatment.
2. Applied primer according to manufacturer's instructions.
3. Applied gel and cured for the appropriate time according to manufacturer's instructions and repeated as required.
4. Removed residue appropriately.
5. Selected correct file/buffer to blend edges, shape and contour nail.
6. Continued to work through files/buffers to produce required finish.
7. Ensured all nails have balanced shape, length and contour.
8. Ensured there has been no seepage.
9. Ensured all nails are filed to uniform shape and length.

USE OF UV LIGHT – 10 MARKS (2 marks each)

The candidate:

1. Ensured the client fully understood the process
2. Ensured that the lamp is positioned safely
3. Ensured the lamp is in correct working order and there are no trailing wires etc.
4. Ensured that the lamp is used for the correct amount of time
5. Checked the client's comfort

FINISHED RESULT FOR GEL - 10 MARKS (2 marks each)

The candidate:

1. Ensured maximum strength (stress areas)
2. Ensured appearance was to the client's satisfaction
3. Checked the C curve
4. Checked the correct balance of nail
5. Ensured the treatment was commercially viable

APPLICATION OF ACRYLIC – 10 MARKS (1 mark each)

The candidate:

1. Wiped the client's hands and nails with appropriate sanitiser before treatment.
2. Selected the correct size and shape of tip and fitted the form correctly.
3. Ensured the brush is clean.
4. Applied primer as appropriate.
5. Ensured the correct sized bead of product is applied to the nail.
6. Continued the process creating the nail according to style required.
7. Checked contours at all angles to ensure overall balance and evenness.
8. Ensured product is hard and dry in preparation for filing.
9. Filed and buffed as appropriate.
10. Shaped nail tip to achieve desired effect.

FREE-FORM SCULPTURED NAIL APPLICATION – 10 MARKS (2 marks each)

The candidate:

1. Prepared the client's hand and nail plate(s)
2. Selected and fitted the form to the finger, shaping appropriately
3. Suitably applied acrylic to zones 1, 2, & 3
4. Checked contours at all angles to ensure overall balance and evenness. Removed forms
5. Ensured product is hard and dry and then filed, buffed and shaped nail tip to achieve desired effect

FINISHED RESULTS OF ACRYLIC NAILS - 10 MARKS (2 marks each)

The candidate:

1. Ensured maximum strength (stress areas)
2. Ensured appearance was to the client's satisfaction
3. Checked the C curve
4. Checked the correct balance of nail
5. Ensured the treatment was commercially viable

FILING AND FINISHING – 10 MARKS (2 marks each)

The candidate:

1. Discussed the client's requirements.
2. Selected the correct grit value files/buffers throughout filing/finishing.
3. Filed nails without undue pressure.
4. Avoided damage to cuticle and nail wall.
5. Ensured that buffers are sprayed with sanitiser.

SAMPLE ORAL QUESTIONS

1. Name and describe a contagious nail disease?
2. Name some contraindications to nail enhancements?
3. What is the correct way to sterilise your tools?
4. Why do you use UV light?
5. What do you check for when looking for the correct balance of the nail?
6. How would you deal with an allergic reaction to the products/glue?
7. How often would you recommend client's to have in fills?
8. What home care/aftercare advice would you give your client?