

Unit 716 – Carry Out Ear Piercing

Guided Learning Hours: 20

Learning Outcome	Assessment Criteria
1. Be able to use safe and effective methods of working when piercing ear lobes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1.1 Set up and maintain the work area to meet legal, hygiene and treatment procedures and any current local bye-laws1.2 Maintain personal hygiene, protection and appearance to meet accepted industry and organisational requirements1.3 Clean all tools and ensure they are sterilised using the correct methods1.4 Use accepted industry hygiene and safety practices throughout the treatment to minimise the risk of cross-infection1.5 Position equipment and materials for ease and safety of use1.6 Dispose of waste materials safely and correctly1.7 Complete the treatment within a commercially viable time1.8 Leave the work area in a suitable condition for future treatments1.9 Keep the client's records up to date, accurate, complete, legible and signed by the client and practitioner
2. Be able to consult, plan and prepare for ear lobe piercing with clients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2.1 Use effective consultation techniques to determine the client's treatment plan2.2 Obtain signed, written and informed consent prior to any treatment from the client or from a parent or guardian if the client is a minor2.3 Consult effectively with the client to identify any contraindications, establish their current ear piercing routine and record the client responses accurately2.4 Position client to allow suitable access to the ear lobe and minimise any risk of injury and discomfort to the client2.5 Agree the treatment and outcomes that are acceptable to the client and meet their needs2.6 Select equipment, materials and products that meet the needs of the treatment and relevant legislation

	2.7 Disinfect the area of the ear lobe to be treated
	2.8 Mark the area of the ear lobe for piercing
3. Be able to pierce the ear lobes	<p>3.1 Pierce the ear lobe accurately and safely in the marked position</p> <p>3.2 Minimise discomfort to the client by ensuring a quick and effective treatment</p> <p>3.3 Use equipment, materials and products according to manufacturers' instructions</p> <p>3.4 Check finished result is to the client's satisfaction and meets the agreed treatment plan</p> <p>3.5 Give client suitable aftercare advice</p>
4. Understand organisational and legal requirements	<p>4.1 Describe own responsibilities under relevant health and safety legislation</p> <p>4.2 Describe the importance of not discriminating against clients with illnesses and disabilities and why</p> <p>4.3 Explain why minors should not be given treatments without informed and signed parental or guardian consent</p> <p>4.4 State the age at which an individual is classed as a minor and how this differs nationally</p> <p>4.5 Describe why it is important, when treating minors under 16 years of age, to have a parent or guardian present</p> <p>4.6 Explain the legal significance of gaining signed, informed consent to treatment</p> <p>4.7 Describe own responsibilities and reasons for maintaining personal hygiene, protection and appearance according to accepted industry and organisational requirements</p> <p>4.8 Describe how to complete the client records used in own salon and the importance of and reasons for keeping and gaining clients' signatures</p> <p>4.9 Explain the importance of the correct storage of client records in relation to the Data Protection Act</p> <p>4.10 Explain own salon's service times for completing ear lobe piercing and the importance of completing the application in a commercially viable time</p> <p>4.11 Explain the pricing structures</p>

<p>5. Understand how to work safely and effectively when piercing ear lobes</p>	<p>5.1 Describe the type of personal protective equipment that should be available</p> <p>5.2 Explain why it is important to use personal protective equipment</p> <p>5.3 Describe the different types of chemicals used for disinfecting ear piercing tools and equipment</p> <p>5.4 Describe how to prepare themselves for carrying out piercing ear lobes</p> <p>5.5 Explain the importance of and reasons for disinfecting hands and how to do this effectively</p> <p>5.6 Explain why it is important to encourage and allow time for clients to ask questions</p> <p>5.7 Explain the importance of and reasons for not naming specific contraindications when encouraging clients to seek medical advice</p> <p>5.8 Describe how to set up the work area for piercing ear lobes</p> <p>5.9 Describe the necessary environmental conditions for piercing ear lobes</p> <p>5.10 Describe how to check equipment used for piercing ear lobes</p> <p>5.11 Explain why it is important to maintain standards of hygiene and the principles for avoiding cross-infection</p> <p>5.12 Describe how to effectively and safely position equipment and materials for piercing ear lobes</p> <p>5.13 Explain how to prepare and position the client for piercing ear lobes and the risks of poor positioning</p> <p>5.14 Explain how to minimise and dispose of general waste from ear lobe piercing</p> <p>5.15 Describe the condition in which the work area should be left and why this is important</p>
<p>6. Understand how consult, plan and prepare for ear lobe piercing</p>	<p>6.1 Describe how to use effective consultation techniques</p> <p>6.2 Explain the importance of questioning clients to establish any contraindications to ear lobe piercing</p> <p>6.3 Explain why it is important to record client responses to questioning</p> <p>6.4 Explain the legal significance of client questioning and the recording clients' responses</p> <p>6.5 Describe how to give effective advice and recommendations to clients</p>

	<p>6.6 Describe the questioning and listening skills required to find out information</p> <p>6.7 Describe how to interpret negative and positive body language</p> <p>6.8 Explain the reasons why it is important to encourage clients with contraindications to seek medical advice</p> <p>6.9 Explain the importance of and reasons for not naming specific contraindications when referring clients to a medical practitioner</p>
7. Know Anatomy and Physiology that relates to ear piercing treatments	<p>7.1 Describe the external structure of the ear</p> <p>7.2 Describe the dangers associated with piercing cartilage and other areas of the body</p>
8. Understand contraindications that affect or restrict ear piercing	<p>8.1 Describe the contraindications which require medical referral and why</p> <p>8.2 Describe the contraindications which restrict treatment and why</p>
9. Understand equipment, materials, products, techniques and treatment planning for ear piercing	<p>9.1 Describe the types of equipment, materials and products that are used for ear lobe piercing and how to use them correctly</p> <p>9.2 Describe the action to take in the event of ear lobe piercing gun malfunction</p> <p>9.3 Describe how to carry out ear lobe piercing safely and correctly</p> <p>9.4 State how long the treatment should take</p> <p>9.5 Describe possible contra-actions which may occur after ear lobe piercing</p> <p>9.6 Explain the risks associated with ear lobe piercing if treatment advice is ignored</p> <p>9.7 Explain the reasons why one pair of studs should be fitted at a time</p> <p>9.8 Explain why ear studs have to be left in place for the recommended time and the effects of premature removal</p>
10. Understand the aftercare advice to provide for clients	<p>10.1 Describe aftercare products that will benefit the client and those to avoid and why</p> <p>10.2 Describe how and when to hygienically rotate the studs during the healing period</p> <p>10.3 Describe how to safely remove and replace studs after the healing period</p> <p>10.4 Describe the contra-actions that may occur after ear lobe piercing and what advice to give to clients</p>

