



ITEC Level 4 Certificate in Advanced Skincare QAN 501/0855/4 Specification

Aims and Objectives

The main aim of the ITEC Level 4 Certificate in Advanced Skincare is to enable Learners to gain the necessary theoretical knowledge in order to provide Advanced Skincare treatments to the general public and to gain employment in the Beauty Therapy Industry. This qualification is suitable for Learners aged 16 and over and is designed to provide occupational competence at Level 4. It also provides a sound platform into further training at Level 4

Content

This qualification is for Learners who want to work within the Beauty Therapy Industry. The qualification consists of 3 mandatory units with a total of 181 hours of Guided Learning (GL) to achieve the full qualification

The main knowledge the Learner will develop is:

- Dermatology and microbiology – to include anatomical structures of the skin, nails and hair, functions of the skin, nails and hair, changes in the skin associated with ageing, skin types, signs and causes of infectious and non-infectious diseases and disorders, culturing of bacteria
- Physiology of ageing - to include the characteristics and nature of ageing, the causes and effects of ageing of the skin, degenerative disorders of the skin, how Beauty Therapy treatments and products may delay the ageing process
- The chemistry of hair and beauty products – to include ingredients, effects and safe use, packaging materials and the properties and effects of ultra-violet radiation on hair and beauty products

It also provides:

- Opportunities for Learners to focus on the development of their wider skills in an Advanced Skincare setting, working with others and problem solving
- Opportunities for Learners to develop a range of skills, techniques, personal qualities and attitudes essential for successful employment as an Advanced Skincare Therapist

Why Choose the ITEC Level 4 Certificate in Advanced Skincare?

1. This qualification offers the theoretical knowledge for the Learner seeking employment or self-employment as an Advanced Skincare Therapist at Level 4. There is also an ITEC Diploma in Advanced Skincare at Level 4 however this combines the theoretical knowledge with a variety of treatments skills. This qualification enables the Learner already qualified in Advanced Skincare treatments such as Laser and Light treatments and Microdermabrasion to specialise in the additional theoretical knowledge ready for employment in industry
2. This Qualification is listed in the Ofqual Register of Qualifications
3. This Qualification contains all the knowledge required for employability at Level 4
4. Learners may progress on to the ITEC Level 4 Diploma in Advanced Skincare, the ITEC Level 4 Certificate in Laser and Light Treatments for Hair Removal, the ITEC Level 4 Certificate in Laser and Light Treatments for Skin Rejuvenation and the ITEC Level 4 Diploma in Spa and Salon Management

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 4

ITEC Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit Value	Guided Learning (GL)
854	Dermatology and Microbiology	5	42
861	Physiology of Ageing	10	64
859	Chemistry of Hair and Beauty Products	14	75

Total Guided Learning - 181

Total Qualification Time (TQT) - 291

Total Credit Value for the Qualification - 29

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

ITEC Unit Number	Unit Title	Assessment	Grading
854	Dermatology and Microbiology	Assignment plus 25 MCQ – paper or online	Pass or Refer Pass 60%-74% Merit 75%-89% Distinction 90%-100%
861	Physiology of Ageing	Assignment	Pass or Refer
859	Chemistry of Hair and Beauty Products	Assignment plus 25 MCQ – paper or online	Pass or Refer 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 tests

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

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 prior to commencing the ITEC Level 4 Certificate in Advanced Skincare; however, exemptions may be made for adult returners with experience of the workplace

Opportunities for Progression

Once Learners have achieved the ITEC Level 4 Certificate in Advanced Skincare they may progress on to other ITEC or equivalent qualifications at Level 3 and 4, for example:

- Level 3 Certificate in Microdermabrasion
- Level 4 Certificate in Laser and Light Treatment for Hair Removal
- Level 4 Certificate in Laser and Light Treatment for Skin Rejuvenation
- Level 4 Certificate in Micropigmentation Treatment
- Level 4 Diploma in Advanced Skincare
- Level 4 Diploma in Spa and Salon Management

For further Awards, Certificates and Diplomas please go to www.itecworld.co.uk

Opportunities for Employment

There are opportunities for an Advanced Skincare Therapist to find employment in a variety of areas:

- Advanced skincare clinics
- Beauty Salons
- Health clubs
- Spas
- Own business
- Cruise liners

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 for the Advanced Skincare Therapist at Level 4

Professional Body Membership and Insurance

Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance can be obtained via The Complementary Therapist Association (www.CThA.com) and other Industry Associations who recognise the ITEC Certificate