
Marking Criteria

iUBT431 – Facial electrical treatments

Once all aspects of the mandatory units have been completed, learners will be expected to complete an internal practical assessment. This will be undertaken by an internal assessor using the internal assessment forms. These must be handed to the external examiner on the day of the final external practical examination.

Learners will be expected to perform a facial electrical treatment. The external examiner will require each learner to demonstrate the use of galvanic and high frequency and one other piece of electrical equipment chosen by the external examiner.

Practical skills examination sequence – approximately 1 hour:

- Clients should be on the couch and ready for the treatment
- Consultation to be carried out prior to the exam
- Tactile and thermal sensitivity tests should be carried out and recorded prior to the exam (evidence to be shown to the external examiner)
- Machines should be static and the learner should move to the machine (if applicable)
- All learners must demonstrate galvanic and high frequency plus one other machine
- Oral questions may be asked at any time during the examination
- Consultation forms must be filled in by each learner and made available for the external examiner to check. These should be reviewed and completed at the end of the treatment and will be taken away by the external examiner
- Learners will be expected to demonstrate excellent hygiene and client care throughout as well as competence in their relevant skills
- The external examiner may reduce the treatment timings, as the examination is a demonstration of the learner's professionalism and their accomplished technique
- Approximate time allocated for changeover of practical examination groups – 15 minutes

Learners must achieve a minimum of 3 marks for appearance and 3 marks for client care in order to pass the practical examination.

Learners must be able to demonstrate the following:

Appearance – 5 marks (0.5 marks each)

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 flat shoes, socks should be worn
5. Tights are 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. Underskirts/underwear should not be visible
10. Skirts to the knee, trousers cropped no higher than calf/trousers not trailing on floor

Client care – 5 marks (1 mark each)

1. Greeted and introduced self to client
2. Assisted the client on and off the couch as appropriate
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 throughout

Hygiene and sterilisation – 10 marks (2 marks each)

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/gel
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 treatment area and client – 5 marks (1 mark each)

1. Assessed the area to be treated
2. Checked for contra-indications
3. Discussed possible contra-actions to treatment
4. Selected products, tools and equipment to suit client treatment needs, skin types and conditions
5. Prepared work environment, self and client for treatment

Electrical treatments – 75 marks total – 25 marks given for each machine: high frequency and galvanic are compulsory machines plus 1 other machine – question 1-5 (1 mark each) and question 6-15 (2 marks each)

1. Observed all health and safety measures
2. Carried out electrical safety checks on machine
3. Ensured equipment is on a safe surface and tested equipment on self, first
4. Sterilised all electrodes before, during and after treatment
5. Explained the contra-indications of the machine
6. Explained the effects and benefits of the machine
7. Explained the type of current
8. Explained the way in which the current produced effects
9. Prepared the area correctly for treatment and conducted the treatment correctly
10. Maintained communication with the client regarding comfort
11. Explained the limitations of the machine
12. Demonstrated/explained how long the treatment should be applied for and concluded the treatment correctly
13. Noted any reactions
14. Explained the sensation of the current to the client
15. Explained any home care/skincare advice

Sample oral questions

1. What safety precautions have you taken?
2. What type of current does this machine use?
3. How have you sterilised the electrodes?
4. How often would you recommend your client to have this treatment?
5. Explain the effects of the current on the skin.
6. What products are you using and why?
7. How long would you perform this treatment on your client, giving reasons why?
8. What sensation would your client expect to feel?
9. What advice would you give a client in between appointments?
10. What home care/aftercare advice would you give?

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