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# Marking Criteria

## iUBT311 – Nail technology

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.

- Practical examination sequence – approximately 1 hour 30 minutes
  - Consultation should be carried out prior to the examination
  - Nails should be manicured and prepared for nail enhancement application prior to the examination
  - One hand must be tipped and blended prior to the examination in preparation for gel system application
  - During the practical examination learners should fit and blend tips to three nails and fit forms to the remaining two in preparation for liquid and powder system application
  - Learners should apply a gel system to the pre-prepared hand and a liquid and powder system to the other hand
- 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 examiner
- Learners will be expected to demonstrate excellent hygiene and client care throughout as well as competence in their relevant skills
- The 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. Clean, short nails, well-manicured with no varnish and clean hands
4. Clean sensible full, flat shoes worn with socks or tights
5. Tights 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)**

1. Greeted and introduced self to the client
2. Positioned self and client correctly throughout treatment
3. Explained the treatment procedures to the client
4. Ensured client's comfort/modesty, assisting them throughout the treatment
5. Communicated and behaved in a professional manner throughout

**Hygiene and sterilisation - 10 marks (2 marks each)**

1. Followed health and safety working practices throughout
2. Used products, tools and equipment in a hygienic manner
3. Disposed of nail wipes, cotton wool, tissues, paper roll and general waste hygienically and appropriately
4. Maintained client hygiene throughout treatment
5. Managed treatment and work environment throughout

**Preparation of treatment area and client - 5 marks (1 mark each)**

1. Carried out a consultation and checked for contra-indications
2. Assessed the area to be treated
3. Discussed clients requirements and possible contra-actions to treatment
4. Selected products, tools and equipment to suit client treatment needs
5. Prepared work environment, self and client for treatment

**Selection, application and blending of tips - 10 marks (see below)**

1. Prepared nail plate correctly (1 mark)
2. Selected correct size and shape of tip for all nails (1 mark)
3. Tailored the tips to suit the shape and contour of the client's nails (1 mark)
4. Positioned the tips at the correct angle, ensuring no gap left between tips and natural nails (1 mark)
5. Used adhesive correctly (1 mark)
6. Ensured tips were secured in preparation for cutting (1 mark)
7. Used tip cutters appropriately and safely (1 mark)
8. Shaped tips to uniform shape and length (1 mark)
9. Blended tips appropriately (2 marks)

**Application of gel - 10 marks (1 mark each)**

1. Applied primer in accordance with the system and manufacturer's instructions
2. Applied gel base coat in accordance with the system and manufacturer's instructions
3. Used the correct brush appropriate to the system and manufacturer's instructions and ensured the brush was clean
4. Correctly applied overlay to tipped and blended hand
5. Ensured application of each layer was correct and in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
6. Ensured application of each layer was thin with no bubbles
7. Ensured there was no seepage to the side walls and cuticles
8. Correctly created the apex to ensure maximum strength in the stress area

9. Removed inhibition layer in accordance with system specification and manufacturer's instructions
10. Applied gel topcoat/sealant relevant to system in line with manufacturer's instructions

**Use of UV light - 5 marks (1 mark each)**

1. Ensured the client fully understood the process
2. Explained possible contra-actions and what action to take should they arise
3. Ensured the lamp was in correct working order
4. Positioned the lamp correctly with no trailing wires
5. Cured each layer for the correct amount of time in accordance with the system specification and manufacturer's instructions

**Finished result of gel enhancements - 10 marks (see below)**

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| 1. Ensured maximum strength to the stress area and tapered at the free edge | <b>(1 mark)</b>  |
| 2. Checked the C curve and upper arch/apex                                  | <b>(1 mark)</b>  |
| 3. Checked all nails were a uniform shape and length                        | <b>(1 mark)</b>  |
| 4. Ensured appearance was to the client's satisfaction                      | <b>(1 mark)</b>  |
| 5. Ensured the service produced commercially viable results                 | <b>(6 marks)</b> |

**Application of liquid and powder - 10 marks (1 mark each)**

1. Applied primer in accordance with the system and manufacturer's instructions
2. Used the correct brush appropriate to the system and in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and ensured the brush was clean and free from product residue
3. Correctly applied overlays to tipped and blended nails
4. Ensured each bead was of the correct consistency and size in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and minimising waste
5. Ensured the brush did not come into contact with surrounding tissues
6. Ensured all overlays were thinned at the cuticle and sidewalls
7. Created the apex correctly, ensuring maximum strength in the stress area
8. Checked created overlays were hard in preparation for filing and finishing
9. Filed created enhancement where necessary without causing damage to the structure
10. Completed the application in a commercially acceptable timeframe

**Application of liquid and powder – free form sculpted - 10 marks (1 mark each)**

1. Fitted form at the correct angle and ensured a snug fit under the free edge
2. Applied primer in accordance with the system and manufacturer's instructions
3. Used the correct brush appropriate to the system and in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and ensured the brush was clean and free from product residue
4. Correctly created an extended free edge and overlay
5. Ensured each bead was of the correct consistency and size in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and minimising waste
6. Ensured the brush did not come into contact with surrounding tissues
7. Ensured all overlays were thinned at the cuticle and sidewalls
8. Created the apex correctly, ensuring maximum strength in the stress area
9. Checked created overlay was hard in preparation for filing and finishing and removed forms
10. Filed created enhancement where necessary without causing damage to the structure

**Finished results for liquid and powder enhancements - 10 marks (see below)**

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| 1. Ensured maximum strength to the stress area and tapered at the free edge | (1 mark)  |
| 2. Checked the C curve and upper arch/apex                                  | (1 mark)  |
| 3. Checked all nails were a uniform shape and length                        | (1 mark)  |
| 4. Ensured appearance was to the client's satisfaction                      | (1 mark)  |
| 5. Ensured the service produced commercially viable results                 | (6 marks) |

**Filing and finishing 10 marks (2 marks each)**

1. Discussed the client's requirements
2. Selected the correct grit value files/buffers throughout filing/finishing
3. Filed nails without undue pressure or creating heat build-up
4. Performed filing and finishing without damage to the cuticles and nail walls
5. Ensured files and buffers were sanitised correctly before and after use

**Sample oral questions**

1. Name and describe a contagious nail disease
2. Name some contra-indications 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 infills?
8. What home care/aftercare advice would you give your client?

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