
Marking Criteria

iUBT423 – Provide and maintain liquid and powder nail enhancements

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 45 minutes
- Consultation should be carried out prior to the examination
- Client's nails should be manicured and prepared for service prior to the examination
- Learners should be seen to apply and blend tips to one hand during the examination prior to the application of the overlay, the other hand should be manicured and ready for the application of the natural nail overlay
- Learners should apply the liquid and powder nail system to both sets of nails
- Complete consultation form and hand to the examiner at the end of the treatment
- 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. Short, clean, well-manicured nails with no varnish and clean hands
4. Clean, sensible, full flat shoes, socks should be worn
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 the client correctly throughout the treatment
3. Explained the treatment procedures and processes to the client
4. Ensured the client's comfort/modesty throughout
5. Maintained a positive and professional approach to the client 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 general and contaminated waste hygienically and appropriately
4. Maintained hygiene of client and self throughout the treatment
5. Managed treatment and work environment throughout

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

1. Checked for contra-indications
2. Assessed the area to be treated
3. Discussed client's 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 – 20 marks (see below)

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

Application of nail enhancement product - 30 marks (see below)

1. Applied primer in accordance with the system and manufacturer's instructions (2 marks)
2. Used the correct brush appropriate to the system and in accordance with manufacturer's instructions (2 marks)
3. Ensured the brush was clean and free from product residue (2 marks)
4. Correctly applied liquid and powder overlays to tipped hand and a natural overlay to untipped hand (2 marks)
5. Ensured each bead was of the correct consistency and in accordance with manufacturer's instructions (2 marks)
6. Ensured each bead was of the correct size, minimising waste (2 marks)
7. Ensured the brush did not come into contact with surrounding tissues (2 marks)
8. Ensured no seepage to the sidewalls or cuticles (2 marks)

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| 9. Ensured all overlays were thinned at the cuticle and sidewalls | (2 marks) |
| 10. Created the apex correctly, ensuring maximum strength in the stress area | (2 marks) |
| 11. Checked created overlay was hard in preparation for filing and finishing | (2 marks) |
| 12. Completed the application in a commercially acceptable timeframe | (8 marks) |

Filing and finishing – 15 marks (3 marks each)

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

Finished result for nail enhancement – 10 marks (see below)

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

Sample oral questions

1. Describe the client's nail type?
2. What ratio of liquid and powder have you used?
3. Describe the contra-indications to this treatment?
4. What aftercare advice would you give to the client?
5. How would you adapt your techniques for a client who has spoon shaped nails?
6. What can happen if the product comes into contact with the client's skin?
7. Explain the importance of PPE when performing a nail enhancement services

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