
Practical Examination Marking Criteria

UBT471 – Enhance appearance using plasma pen techniques

Practical Examination Criteria

Learners must complete a practical examination for UBT471 – Enhance appearance using plasma pen techniques which will be externally set by the awarding organisation and conducted by an external 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.

A maximum of 6 learners to be examined at one time.

Client requirements

Centres must identify suitable clients for the examination. Centres may ask learners to identify suitable clients.

Clients must meet all the following requirements.

Specifically, clients must:

- be 18 years or over
- not be contra-indicated for Plasma Pen treatments
- be willing to have Plasma Pen treatments
- be willing to divulge relevant personal and medical details for the purpose of consultation
- be prepared for the treatment to be carried out by a learner unknown to them
- not have practitioner knowledge or experience
- provide consent to participate

Potential clients must meet with centre staff who will establish suitability in relation to the specified client requirements, the suitability of the skin and health and safety requirements.

It is the responsibility of the centre and learner to work collaboratively to ensure suitable clients are provided for examination purposes.

Learners will be expected to perform the following:

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*Learners must achieve a minimum of **7 marks** for the **first 2 sections** in order to pass.

*Client care – 5 marks (1 mark each)

The learner:

1. Greeted and introduced self to client
2. Protected client's clothing and surrounding areas and removed all jewellery
3. Explained the treatment procedure to the client, including treatment sensations, skin appearance post treatment and duration of healing
4. Correctly positioned self and client and ensured the client's comfort/modesty throughout
5. Maintained a positive and professional approach to clients/colleagues throughout

*Preparation of area – 5 marks (1 mark each)

The learner:

1. Ensured that preparation complied with health and safety protocols and legislation
2. Ensured the area was clean and sanitised
3. Ensured all equipment, tools and products were available and ergonomically placed
4. Selected appropriate, clean mask for self and disposable PPE as appropriate
5. Ensured the working environment was private, secure and well ventilated

Hygiene and sterilisation – 5 marks (1 mark each)

The learner:

1. Wiped over equipment and accessories with appropriate sanitiser before, during and after use
2. Sanitised hands before, during and after treatment as appropriate and wore disposable gloves as appropriate
3. Replaced lids on products and removed products hygienically
4. Disposed of all general and contaminated waste hygienically and appropriately
5. Maintained and sanitised working area and equipment and used and stored small equipment appropriately

Consultation – 6 marks (1 mark each)

The learner:

1. Demonstrated a variety of consultation techniques and discussed the management of pain relief options as appropriate
2. Identified the client's medical history, pre-treatment skincare, lifestyle and aims of treatment
3. Established the condition and health of the skin, carried out a skin sensitivity test
4. Recognised any contra-indications and took appropriate actions
5. Confirmed the client has understood and agreed to treatment following the cooling off period
6. Obtained signed informed consent and finalised and agreed the treatment plan

Advanced skin assessment – 9 marks (1 mark each)

The learner:

1. Cleansed and prepared the skin leaving it clean and free from product
2. Used illuminated magnifying and analysis equipment appropriately
3. Performed a full skin assessment, identified skin health, conditions and characteristics
4. Carried out thermal and tactile tests to the area(s) being treated
5. Recorded outcomes of all tests performed
6. Identified factors which may limit or affect the desired outcome
7. Identified realistic and achievable outcomes
8. Took pre-treatment visual media records
9. Carried out all preparation in a commercially acceptable time

Plasma treatment – 15 marks (see below)

The learner:

1. Demonstrated the correct preparation of the area including the use of a topical anaesthetic (if appropriate) (2 marks)
2. Sanitised treatment area using an alcohol-free skin antiseptic and ensured area is dry (2 marks)
3. Marked out the treatment area as appropriate and recorded on the consultation sheet (2 marks)
4. Loaded the correct electrode probe to meet the agreed treatment aims (1 mark)
5. Verbally communicated with the client throughout the treatment using the 1-10 pain threshold scale (2 marks)
6. Concluded the treatment in an appropriate manner including cooling the skin and the application of post treatment products (3 marks)
7. Worked and completed the treatment in a commercially acceptable time (2 marks)
8. Took post treatment visual media records (1 mark)

Plasma treatment technique – 40 marks (see below)

The learner:

1. Checked electrode probe was loaded securely and set equipment intensity and mode/power and frequency in line with treatment objectives, client's skin characteristics and manufacturer protocols (5 marks)
2. Performed the treatment in line with legal and organisational requirements (5 marks)
3. Worked in a methodical and systematic manner, worked at the correct angle, maintained correct distancing and spacing of ablative points to achieve the desired outcome (10 marks)
4. Adjusted equipment settings intensity and mode/power and frequency as appropriate to each area and condition treated (10 marks)
5. Demonstrated adequate support, manipulation of the skin and appropriate access to all treatment areas, ensuring client comfort and modesty throughout (3 marks)
6. Observed the skin condition, monitored treatment effects, skin reactions and client response throughout the treatment (4 marks)
7. Adapted the treatment to meet the needs of the client and the treatment objectives, stopping or adjusting the treatment as appropriate (3 marks)

Post care/home care – 10 marks (2 marks each)

The learner:

1. Gained client feedback and evaluated and noted treatment results
2. Informed the client of the short, medium and long-term effects of the treatment
3. Discussed home care, post skincare products and recommendations for ongoing treatment and appropriate timescales
4. Discussed possible contra-actions and adverse reactions and how to deal with them
5. Obtained signature accepting treatment results and agreement to comply with aftercare and recorded all treatment details in line with organisational requirements and current legislation

Sample oral questions – 5 marks (1 mark each)

1. What factors should be considered when marking out the treatment area?
2. What is the benefit of a skin priming programme at home prior to the treatment?
3. What safety precautions should be taken with the equipment?
4. What is plasma?
5. What is the correct way to prepare the area for treatment?
6. What skin sensations might the client feel during treatment?
7. What post care treatment should be given?
8. Why is it important to space ablative points correctly?
9. What specific hygiene procedures should be followed by the client after treatment?
10. What determines the selection of equipment settings?

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