



VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Spa Therapy Rationale

Aims and Objectives

The main aim of the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Spa Therapy is to enable Candidates to gain the necessary practical and theoretical skills in order to provide Spa Therapy Services

The VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Spa Therapy is made up of 6 mandatory units and a selection of optional units. The total number of credits for the optional units selected must be at least 19 credits. The total credit value for this qualification is 63

QCF Unit Number	ITEC Unit Number	Mandatory Units	Credit Value	Guided Learning Hours (GLH)
A/600/7462	726 (B20)	Provide Body Massage Treatments	10	79
J/600/7545	736 (B28)	Provide Stone Therapy Treatments	10	88
H/600/9089	746 (S2)	Monitor Clients and the Operation of Sauna, Steam and Hydrotherapy Treatments	7	59
D/600/9091	747 (S3)	Provide Body Wrapping and Flotation Treatments	7	59
D/601/0936	509 (G18)	Promote Additional Services or Products to Customers	6	40
Y/601/5875	537 (G22)	Monitor Procedures to Safely Control Work Operations	4	30
Optional Units				
Y/600/9090	724 (B13)	Provide Body Electrical Treatments	12	106
J/600/7562	725 (B14)	Provide Facial Electrical Treatments	12	106
D/600/7504	733 (B23)	Provide Indian Head Massage	7	54
K/600/7523	734 (B24)	Carry out Massage using Pre-Blended Aromatherapy Oils	8	67
R/600/1277	549 (H32)	Contribute to the Planning and Implementation of Promotional Activities	5	32
T/600/1272	547 (G11)	Contribute to the Financial Effectiveness of the Business	4	26

Recommended Guided Learning Hours – 502 - 515

Learner Credits Based on Learning Hours - 63

It also aims:

- to provide skills at Level 3 in the Qualifications and Credit Framework for those interested in the Spa/Beauty Industry
- to provide opportunities for staff in the Beauty Industry to gain a Level 3 qualification
- to qualify Learners as Spa/Beauty Therapists at Level 3 in the Beauty Industry
- to sustain the interest of Learners wanting to work in the Spa/Beauty Industry
- to encourage knowledge and understanding of the Spa/Beauty Industry at Level 3
- to provide opportunities for Learners to focus on the development of the major key skills and the wider key skills in a beauty context, such as communicating with clients, working with others and problem solving
- to provide opportunities for Learners to develop a range of skills, techniques, personal qualities and attitudes essential for successful performance in employment as a Spa/Beauty Therapist

The Candidate will study the theory and practice of Spa/Beauty Therapy Services and the underpinning knowledge and skills required to successfully perform these services

Assessment

This qualification will be internally assessed and externally verified using the Habia Beauty and Spa Therapy Assessment Strategy for NVQs

QCF Unit Number	ITEC Unit Number	Mandatory Units	Assessment	Grading
A/600/7462	726 (B20)	Provide Body Massage Treatments	Practical assessment plus MCQ – online or paper	Pass/Refer
J/600/7545	736 (B28)	Provide Stone Therapy Treatments	Practical assessment plus MCQ – online or paper	Pass/Refer
H/600/9089	746 (S2)	Monitor Clients and the Operation of Sauna, Steam and Hydrotherapy Treatments	Practical assessment plus MCQ – online or paper	Pass/Refer
D/600/9091	747 (S3)	Provide Body Wrapping and Flotation Treatments	Practical assessment plus MCQ – online or paper	Pass/Refer
D/601/0936	509 (G18)	Promote Additional Services or Products to Customers	Practical assessment plus oral questions	Pass/Refer
Y/601/5875	537 (G22)	Monitor Procedures to Safely Control Work Operations	Practical assessment plus oral questions	Pass/Refer
Optional Units				
Y/600/9090	724 (B13)	Provide Body Electrical Treatments	Practical assessment plus MCQ – online or paper	Pass/Refer
J/600/7562	725 (B14)	Provide Facial Electrical Treatments	Practical assessment plus MCQ – online or paper	Pass/Refer
D/600/7504	733 (B23)	Provide Indian Head Massage	Practical assessment plus MCQ – online or paper	Pass/Refer
K/600/7523	734 (B24)	Carry Out Massage Using Pre-Blended Aromatherapy Oils	Practical assessment plus MCQ – online or paper	Pass/Refer
R/600/1277	549 (H32)	Contribute to The Planning and Implementation of Promotional Activities	Practical assessment plus oral questions	Pass/Refer
T/600/1272	547 (G11)	Contribute to the Financial Effectiveness of the Business	Practical assessment plus oral questions	Pass/Refer

Grading of the Qualification

- Practical assessments/observations are graded Pass or Refer
- MCQ papers are graded Pass or Refer
- If a Learner is unsuccessful in any area, they will be re-assessed only in the assessment/written questions where they have not achieved a pass grade, for which they will be referred
- Referrals should be completed within one year of the original assessment/observation and/or MCQ paper. The remainder of the results will stay in the VTCT Skills (ITEC) system until all assessments and MCQ papers have been allocated a pass grade
- Learners must achieve a pass grade in all practical assessments/observations and underpinning knowledge tests to achieve the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Spa Therapy (see assessment table above)

Recommended Prior Learning

It is recommended that Candidates have achieved the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy, or its equivalent, prior to commencing the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Spa Therapy; however, exemptions may be made for adult returnees with experience of the workplace.

Opportunities for Progression

Once Candidates have achieved the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Spa Therapy they may progress on to other VTCT Skills (ITEC) or equivalent awards at Level 3 and 4, for example:

- Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy
- Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy – Make-up
- Level 4 Diploma in Advanced Skin Care
- Level 4 Diploma in Spa and Salon Management

This award qualifies Graduates to operate their own Salon or Home Visiting Practice. Graduates can also gain employment in Beauty Salons, Hotels, Health Clubs, Spas and Cruise Liners

Relationship to National Occupational Standards (NOS)

VTCT Skills (ITEC) has mapped to National Occupational Standards and ensured that best practice in the workplace has been reflected in the syllabus. VTCT Skills (ITEC) has linked the qualification to the relative job roles as well as ensuring that the syllabus reflects the required level of knowledge and ability for the Beauty Therapist at Level 3

Professional Body Membership and Insurance

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