Practical Examination Marking Criteria

BT6C1 – VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 6 Certificate in Advanced Chemical Skin Peeling

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Learners must complete a practical examination for BT6C1 – VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 6 Certificate in Advanced Chemical Skin Peeling 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.

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 aged 18 or over
- Not be contra-indicated for advanced skin peeling treatments
- Not be hypersensitive to advanced skin peeling products
- Be willing to have advanced skin peeling 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 centre's responsibility to ensure that all clients have received and undertaken the necessary skin preparatory regimen a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the exam.

It is the responsibility of the centre and learner to work collaboratively to ensure a suitable client is 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** to Pass.

*Client care – 5 marks (1 mark each)

The learner:

1. Protected client's clothing and removed all jewellery
2. Check the client has utilised the cooling off period and confirms continuation with the treatment
3. Explained the treatment procedure to the client, including treatment sensation, skin appearance post-treatment, duration of healing and possible risk and side effects
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 legal and organisational requirements
2. Ensured the area was clean and sterilised
3. Ensured all equipment, tools and products were available and ergonomically placed
4. Selected appropriate, clean and disposable PPE for client and self
5. Ensured the working environment was private and secure

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 applied sterile gloves
3. Replaced lids on products and removed products hygienically and safely
4. Disposed of general and contaminated treatment waste hygienically and appropriately
5. Maintained and sanitised working area and equipment appropriately, and used and stored small equipment appropriately

Consultation – 5 marks (1 mark each)

The learner:

1. Demonstrated a variety of consultation techniques
2. Identified the client's medical history, pre-treatment skincare, lifestyle and aims of treatment
3. Checked patch test results, recognised any contra-indications and took appropriate actions
4. Established the condition and health of the skin and carried out a skin sensitivity test
5. Obtained signed informed consent and finalised and agreed the treatment plan

Advanced skin assessment – 10 marks (1 mark each)

The learner:

1. Ensure that the client's skin is clean, sanitised, dry and prepared for the advanced chemical peeling procedure
2. Used appropriate skin diagnostic equipment
3. Performed a full skin assessment and identified the condition and health of the skin
4. Identified the client's skin type
5. Identified the client's skin conditions and characteristics
6. Discussed client's primary and secondary skin concerns
7. Identified factors which may limit or affect the desired outcome
8. Checked treatment area for contra-indications that may restrict, prevent or require medical referral
9. Correct and consistent visual media records (pre-treatment)
10. Carried out all preparation in a commercially acceptable time

Advanced chemical skin peeling treatment – 20 marks (2 marks each)

The learner:

1. Checked areas that could be treated and isolated areas that could not, explained and applied barrier protection for sensitive areas
2. Selected the appropriate skin peeling formulation to meet the client's needs and treatment objectives and noted on treatment records
3. Prepared selected products according to manufacturers' instructions and decanted/measured the skin peel product accurately
4. Calculated the correct duration and intensity of the application
5. Verbally communicated with the client ensuring comfort was maintained throughout the treatment
6. Monitored skin response and noted clinical end points
7. Timed the activation period accurately adjusting the time according to the client's skin reaction where necessary
8. Concluded the treatment in an appropriate manner including the application of post treatment products in line with manufacturer protocols
9. Worked and completed the treatment in a commercially acceptable time
10. Took post treatment visual media records and stored in compliance with data protection legislation

Advanced chemical skin peeling treatment technique – 35 marks (see below)

The learner:

1. Applied skin peeling formulations using the correct techniques following manufacturer protocols and organisational requirements (5 marks)
2. Worked in a methodical and systematic manner ensuring even and accurate coverage, avoiding excessive overlap or overworking the area (10 marks)
3. Monitored effects of the peel formulation, observed the skin and client response, used the 1-10 pain threshold scale throughout the treatment, adapted treatment where necessary and used cooling techniques as required (15 marks)
4. Neutralised or removed skin peeling product as required in line with manufacturer protocols (5 marks)

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

The learner:

1. Update client records recording advanced chemical peel information (product name, batch number, expiration date etc.) and client response (skin sensation, skin response)
2. Informed the client of the short, medium and long-term effects of the treatment
3. Discussed post care requirements including homecare, skincare and recommendations for ongoing treatment with the client
4. Inform client how to manage complications/adverse reactions at home and when to refer to a medical practitioner
5. Obtained client signature to confirm 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 selecting the type of formulation to be used?
2. What is the reason for preventing pooling of product?
3. What safety precautions should be taken with the preparation of formulations?
4. What is the purpose of combination peels?
5. What skin sensations might the client feel during treatment?
6. Why is it important ensure accuracy of treatment application?
7. What specific hygiene procedures should be followed with this treatment?
8. Explain the importance of using a preparatory skin care programme
9. What products and practices are essential to ensure proper healing and prevent complications?
10. How do you manage client expectations?

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