

iUBT323 – Monitor and maintain spa area

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Guided Learning Hours: 45

Learning outcome	Assessment criteria	Taught content to include
LO1 Be able to prepare and monitor the spa area	1.1. Prepare spa area and equipment	• Preparation of working area • Equipment • Products • Work wear • Personal appearance and behaviour • Hygiene e.g. sterilising/sanitising tools and equipment • Client for treatment • Client care and modesty
	1.2. Carry out relevant tests on equipment and record results according to organisational requirements and manufacturers' instructions	• Sauna • Steam • Hydrotherapy • Testing and interpreting results of water and chemical concentration levels - Water testing kits - Ozone - Chlorine - Salt - Temperature • The possible dangers of chemical and equipment misuse • Documentation for checks and tests according to legal and organisational requirements
	1.3. Monitor the spa environment and equipment according to organisational requirements and manufacturers' instructions	• The monitoring requirements for steam, sauna and hydrotherapy equipment, changing room, showers, relaxation room/area, treatment room and wet areas • Following manufacturers' instructions and organisational procedures for client capacity levels

		• Use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and avoidance of contact dermatitis • Checking, monitoring and documenting the correct respective temperatures • The main types of air and waterborne infections that can affect the spa environment • Ensuring that the spa equipment and treatment areas are shut down according to legal requirement procedures and in a condition suitable for future treatments • Promptly notifying the relevant person(s) of the completion of shutdown procedures
	1.4. Monitor client safety and wellbeing	• Appropriate preparation of clients, completing a full consultation and check for contra-indications • Giving clear instructions • Thermal sensitivity test • Pulse check on the client prior to treatment and throughout as necessary • How cultural background impacts upon the delivery of sauna, steam and hydrotherapy treatments • Recommended treatment times and the potential risks of exceeding them • Possible contra-actions and how to deal with them • Positioning of clients for spa treatments, their maintained comfort and safety (including the use of panic buttons) • Regular checks on client wellbeing and water intake for both client and therapist • The main types of air and waterborne infections that can affect spa clients • Client relaxation for normalisation of body temperature post treatment • How to modify the treatment • Encouraging the client to seek medical advice where necessary
	1.5. Describe salon requirements for preparing spa equipment and treatment area	• Any particular rights, restrictions and acts applicable to spa treatments • Code of practice/ethics • Insurance and professional association membership

	1.6. Describe environmental conditions suitable for the spa treatment area	• Lighting • Heating • Ventilation • Noise levels • Available space • Music • General hygiene • Waste disposal • Décor • Equipment • Privacy • Reception areas • General use/treatment areas • Safety aspects
	1.7. Explain the importance of carrying out detailed relevant tests according to organisational requirements and manufacturers' instructions	• Sauna • Steam • Hydrotherapy • Testing and interpreting results of water and chemical concentration levels: - Water testing kits - Ozone - Chlorine - Salt - Temperature • The possible dangers of chemical and equipment misuse • Documentation for checks and tests according to legal and organisational requirements
	1.8. Explain the importance of monitoring the spa environment and equipment according to organisational requirements and manufacturers' instructions	• The monitoring requirements for steam, sauna and hydrotherapy equipment, changing room, showers, relaxation room/area, treatment room and wet areas • Following manufacturers' instructions and organisational procedures for client capacity levels • Use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and avoidance of contact dermatitis • Checking, monitoring and documenting the correct respective temperatures

		• The main types of air and waterborne infections that can affect the spa environment • Ensuring that the spa equipment and treatment areas are shut down according to legal requirement procedures and in a condition suitable for future treatments • Promptly notifying the relevant person(s) of the completion of shutdown procedures
	1.9. Explain the importance of monitoring client's safety and wellbeing in the spa area	• Appropriate preparation of clients, completing a full consultation and check for contra-indications • Giving clear instructions • Thermal sensitivity test • Pulse check on the client prior to treatment and throughout as necessary • How cultural background impacts upon the delivery of sauna, steam and hydrotherapy treatments • Recommended treatment times and the potential risks of exceeding them • Possible contra-actions and how to deal with them • Positioning of clients for spa treatments, their maintained comfort and safety (including the use of panic buttons) • Regular checks on client wellbeing and water intake for both client and therapist • The main types of air and waterborne infections that can affect spa clients • Client relaxation for normalisation of body temperature post treatment • How to modify the treatment • Encouraging the client to seek medical advice where necessary
LO2 Be able to maintain the spa area	2.1. Communicate and behave in a professional manner	• Checking consultations and contra-indications • Explaining the treatment to the client • Benefits, limitations and co-operation required • Helping the client onto the couch prior to and off the couch after the treatment • Positioning the client correctly • Sanitising client's hands as appropriate • Sanitising own hands as appropriate throughout treatment

		• Protecting the client's modesty at all times • Ensuring that all parts of the client are covered except the area being treated • Ensuring that the client is comfortable • Using appropriate covered supports • Adapt the treatments to suit the needs of the client • Ensure client does not stand on floor with bare feet • Client care • Communication • Correct posture, hygiene and a professional approach to the client throughout treatment
	2.2. Follow health and safety working practices	• Fire Precautions Act Health & Safety at Work Act • Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations • The Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations • The Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations • The Manual Handling Operations Regulations • The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations • The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations • The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) • The Electricity at Work Regulations • Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) • Disability Discrimination Act • Data Protection Act/General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) • Adhere to all safety precautions and manufacturer's instructions
	2.3. Use products, tools, equipment according to organisational requirements and manufacturers' instructions	• Products and equipment applicable for the following: - Sauna - Steam - Hydrotherapy - Showers - Relaxation rooms/area - Changing room - Wet areas - Treatment room
	2.4. Evaluate and record the results of the spa equipment tests	• Reviewing and recording outcomes

		Record and store in line with current legislation and professional codes of conduct
	2.5. Explain how to communicate and behave in a professional manner	- Consultation - Treatment explanation - Client care - Hygiene - Good communication skills
	2.6. Describe health and safety working practices	- Fire Precautions Act Health & Safety at Work Act - Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations - The Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations - The Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations - The Manual Handling Operations Regulations - The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations - The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations - The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) - The Electricity at Work Regulations - Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) - Disability Discrimination Act - Data Protection Act/General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) - Adhere to all safety precautions and manufacturer's instructions
	2.7. Explain the importance of using products, tools, equipment according to organisational requirements and manufacturers' instructions	- Products and equipment applicable for the following: - Sauna - Steam - Hydrotherapy - Showers - Relaxation rooms/areas - Treatment room - Wet areas - Changing rooms
	2.8. Describe the effects and benefits of regular spa equipment maintenance	- Longevity of spa equipment and long term cost effectiveness - Compliance with legal, organisational and manufacturers' requirements - Compliance with health and safety guidelines to avoid the spread of infection and maintain correct standards and levels of sanitisation

		• Code of practice/ethics • Insurance and professional association membership
	2.9. Explain the importance of completing spa equipment tests and keeping relevant records	• Carrying out thermal skin sensitivity tests and pulse checks on clients prior to treatment • Contra-indications • Scope of treatment(s) • Aftercare advice • Home care advice • Carrying out sauna, steam and hydrotherapy equipment tests following manufacturers' instructions and organisational requirements • Testing and interpreting the results of water and chemical concentration levels (water testing kits, ozone, chlorine, salt, temperature) • Documenting checks and tests according to legal, manufacturers' and organisational requirements • Insurance and professional association membership • Maintaining records for accurate future treatment • Product advice • Record and store in line with current data protection legislation and professional codes of conduct
	2.10. Describe the methods of evaluating the effectiveness of the spa equipment tests	• Carrying out thermal skin sensitivity tests and pulse checks on clients prior to treatment • Contra-indications • Scope of treatment(s) • Aftercare advice • Home care advice • Carrying out sauna, steam and hydrotherapy equipment tests following manufacturers' instructions and organisational requirements • Testing and interpreting the results of water and chemical concentration levels - Water testing kits - Ozone - Chlorine - Salt - Temperature

		• Documenting checks and tests according to legal, manufacturers' and organisational requirements • Insurance and professional association membership • Maintaining records for accurate future treatment • Product advice • Compliance with current data protection regulations
	2.11. Explain why the spa area should be maintained following a spa session	• Any particular rights, restrictions and acts applicable to spa therapy treatment • Code of practice/ethics • Insurance and professional association membership • Compliance with legal, organisational and manufacturers' requirements • Ensuring that the spa treatment areas are in a condition suitable for future treatments

Assessment

Portfolio of evidence containing:

- Treatment evidence (3 treatments)
 - Spa treatment areas (steam, sauna and hydrotherapy) must be set up, monitored and shut down and the outcomes documented, as part of the client care and treatment process
- Assignment

MCQ

These treatment evidence are internally assessed by the college lecturer and verified by the external examiner to include:

- Consultation including medical history
- Treatment details
- After/home care advice
- Learner's and client signature
- Treatment date

Treatment evidence must be evidenced through the use of signed and dated treatment evidence forms. See www.vtctskills.org.uk for sample form.

Assignment Guidance form may be downloaded from www.vtctskills.org.uk.

Guide to taught content

The content contained within the unit specification is not prescriptive or exhaustive but is intended to provide helpful guidance to teachers and learners with the key areas that will be covered within the unit, and, relating to the kinds of evidence that should be provided for each assessment objective specific to the unit learning outcomes.

Document History

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