

VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy General
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Specification

Aims and Objectives

The main aim of the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy General is to enable Learners to gain the necessary practical skills and knowledge in order to provide Beauty Therapy services to the general public and to gain employment in the Beauty Industry. The qualification is suitable for Learners aged 16 and over and is designed to provide occupational competence at Level 2. It also provides a sound platform into further learning at Levels 2 and 3

Content

This qualification is for Learners who want to work within the Beauty Industry. The qualification consists of 8 units, all of which are mandatory; Learners must also select optional units covering a minimum of 70 hours of guided learning (GL). A minimum of 458 hours of guided learning are required to achieve the full qualification

The main skills the learner will perform are:

- Consultation techniques – to include planning and preparation, contraindications and contra-actions
- Facial skincare treatments – to include cleansing, exfoliation, massage, facial masks and adapting the treatment to suit the client's specific needs
- Manicure and Pedicure – to include care of the nails on the hands and feet, hand and foot massage and application of polish
- Enhancing the appearance of eyebrows and eyelashes – to include grooming and shaping the eyebrows and tinting lashes and brows
- Waxing – to include removal of hair using hot and cool waxing techniques

The Learner will also develop knowledge about related health and safety and client care and communication which is essential to work and be successful in the Beauty Industry

The learner will also be able to choose from a range of optional units to complete the qualification, for example:

- Provide Make-up Services
- Provide Threading Services
- Assist with Spa Operations
- Enhance Appearance Using Skin Camouflage
- Carry out Ear Piercing
- Fulfil Salon Reception Duties

The qualification also provides:

- The related knowledge and understanding required to perform the Beauty Therapy skills listed above; in particular, the anatomy and physiology of the body and common diseases and disorders that may affect when a client should or should not receive treatment
- Opportunities for Learners to focus on the development of their wider skills in a Beauty Therapy setting, such as; communicating with clients, working with others and problem solving
- Opportunities for Learners to develop a range of skills, techniques, personal qualities and attitudes essential for successful performance in employment as a Beauty Therapist

Why Choose the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy General?

1. This Qualification combines the full range of skills and knowledge for the Learner seeking employment or self-employment as a Beauty Therapist at Level 2. This qualification is the only VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy General that meets the current National Occupational Standards
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3. This Qualification is listed in the Ofqual Register of Qualifications
4. This Qualification contains all the skills and knowledge required for employability at Level 2
5. Learners may progress on to the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Therapy General, the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy Massage, the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy Make-up, the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 3 Diploma in Nail Services or the VTCT Skills (ITEC) level 3 Diploma in Spa Therapy
6. This qualification also forms part of the level 2 Beauty Therapy Apprenticeship. This qualification can be studied outside the apprenticeship by learners who are unable to gain an apprenticeship position or are not eligible for an apprenticeship due to prior qualifications, but wish to be occupationally competent and employed as a Beauty Therapist
7. This qualification leads to employability and is the employer's preference with support from Beauty Therapy salons across the UK. It remains the qualification of choice amongst Further Education Colleges as local employers require it for their employees
8. This qualification is recognised by all relevant professional bodies within the Beauty Therapy Industry for membership and insurance purposes at Level 2

VTCT Skills (ITEC) Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit value	Guided Learning (GL)
708	Provide Facial Skin Care Treatment	8	68
709	Provide Pedicure Services	6	53
710	Provide Manicure Services	6	53
711	Enhance the Appearance of Eyebrows and Eyelashes	5	45
712	Carry Out Waxing Services	7	61
510	Develop and Maintain your Effectiveness at Work	3	30
509	Promote Additional Services or Products to	6	40

	Customers		
500	Ensure Responsibility for Actions to Reduce Risks to Health and Safety	4	38

Guided Learning for Mandatory Units - 388

Total Qualification Time (TQT) for Mandatory Units - 460

Learners must also select units covering a minimum of 70 hours of guided learning from the following optional units:

VTCT Skills (ITEC) Unit Number	Unit Title	Credit value	Guided Learning (GL)
713	Provide Make-up Services	6	47
751	Provide Threading Services	4	29
714	Assist With Spa Operations	4	37
715	Enhance Appearance Using Skin Camouflage	6	46
716	Carry Out Ear Piercing	2	20
508	Fulfil Salon Reception Duties	3	24

Minimum Total Guided Learning including Optional Units – 458

Minimum Total Qualification Time (TQT) including Optional Units – 549

Total Credit Value for the Qualification - 55

Guided Learning (GL)

Guided Learning is the 'activity of a Learner in being taught or instructed by – or otherwise participating in education or training under the immediate guidance or supervision of – a Lecturer, Supervisor, Tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training'. This includes 'the activity of being assessed if the assessment takes place under the immediate guidance or supervision of a Lecturer, Supervisor, Tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training'

Total Qualification Time (TQT)

Total Qualification Time is the number of notional hours which represents an estimate of the total amount of time that could reasonably be expected to be required in order for a Learner to achieve and demonstrate the achievement of the level of attainment necessary for the award of the qualification

Total Credit Value

The total Credit Value for the qualification is equal to one tenth of the Total Qualification Time rounded to the nearest whole number.

Assessment

This qualification will be internally and externally assessed using a range of assessment methods as set out in the table below: -

Table 1

VTCT Skills (ITEC) Unit Number	Unit Title	Assessment	Grading
708	Provide Facial Skin Care Treatment	Internal Assessment MCQ - Paper or online	Pass/Refer
709	Provide Pedicure Services	Internal Assessment MCQ - Paper or	Pass/Refer

		online	
710	Provide Manicure Services	Internal Assessment MCQ - Paper or online	Pass/Refer
711	Enhance the Appearance of Eyebrows and Eyelashes	Internal Assessment MCQ - Paper or online	Pass/Refer
712	Carry Out Waxing Services	Internal Assessment MCQ - Paper or online	Pass/Refer
510	Develop and Maintain Effectiveness at Work	Internal Assessment	Pass/Refer
509	Promote Additional Services or Products to Customers	Internal Assessment	Pass/Refer
500	Ensure Responsibility for Actions to Reduce Risks to Health and Safety	Internal Assessment	Pass/Refer

Optional Units

Table 2

VTCT Skills (ITEC) Unit Number	Unit Title	Assessment	Grading
713	Provide Make-up Services	Internal Assessment MCQ - Paper or online	Pass/Refer
751	Provide Threading Services	Internal Assessment MCQ - Paper or online	Pass/Refer
714	Assist With Spa Operations	Internal Assessment MCQ - Paper or online	Pass/Refer
715	Enhance Appearance Using Skin Camouflage	Internal Assessment MCQ - Paper or online	Pass/Refer
716	Carry Out Ear Piercing	Internal Assessment MCQ - Paper or online	Pass/Refer
508	Fulfil Salon Reception Duties	Internal Assessment	Pass/Refer

All assessment criteria and sample assessment materials for this qualification can be found on the VTCT Skills website.

Grading of the Qualification

All assessment tasks required for each unit of the qualification (detailed in table 1 and table 2 of the specification) and learners must also select units covering a minimum of 70 hours (detailed in table 2 of the specification) must be completed and awarded a Pass mark before the complete qualification can be certificated.

The overall qualification is graded as a Pass.

Controlled Assessment

All theory tests must be conducted in a controlled environment and follow the procedures defined by VTCT Skills. The theory tests will be set and marked by VTCT Skills

All practical assessments must be conducted in a controlled environment as defined by VTCT Skills. The internal assessment will be conducted by the centres Lecturer/Internal Verifier(s) and will be sampled by the VTCT Skills External Verifier; however, the Centre is responsible for ensuring the assessment can operate seamlessly by organising the process as defined by VTCT Skills in the Lecturer Guidance Notes. The assessment form can be found under each individual unit within the qualification on the VTCT Skills Website.

Recommended Prior Learning

It is recommended that Learners should have achieved a level of education equivalent to five GCSEs at grade A*-C or a Level 1 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy prior to commencing the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy - General; however, exemptions may be made for adult returners with experience of the workplace

Opportunities for Progression

Once Learners have achieved the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy General they may progress on to other VTCT Skills (ITEC) or equivalent qualifications at Level 3, for example:

- Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Therapy General
- Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy Massage
- Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy Make-up
- Level 3 Diploma in Nail Services
- Level 3 Diploma in Spa Therapy

For further Awards, Certificates and Diplomas please go to www.vtctskills.org.uk

Opportunities for Employment

There are opportunities for Beauty Therapists to find employment in a variety of areas:

- Beauty Salons
- Hotels
- Health Clubs
- Spas
- Cruise Liners

Please see the letter of support from a centre within the industry, [White Rose School of Health and Beauty](#)

Relationship to National Occupational Standards

VTCT Skills has mapped to National Occupational Standards where they exist and has ensured that best practice in the workplace has been reflected in the qualification. VTCT Skills has linked the qualification to the relative job roles as well as ensuring that the qualification reflects the required level of knowledge and ability for the Beauty Therapist at Level 2

Professional Body Membership and Insurance

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