

National Unit Specification: general information

UNIT Artificial Nail Structures (Intermediate 2)

NUMBER D7SR 11

COURSE

SUMMARY

The candidate will be able to provide advice and services which enhance the aesthetic appearance of the nails by the addition of synthetic extensions.

OUTCOMES

- 1 Prepare for treatments involving artificial nail structures to the hand.
- 2 Provide artificial nail structure services.
- 3 Provide advice on care and maintenance of artificial nail structures.

RECOMMENDED ENTRY

While entry is at the discretion of the centre, the candidate would normally be expected to have prior knowledge of manicure techniques or have attained D0V2 11 Nail Care.

CREDIT VALUE

1 Credit at Intermediate 2.

CORE SKILLS

Information on the automatic certification of any core skills in this unit is published in *Automatic Certification of Core Skills in National Qualifications* (SQA, 1999).

Administrative Information

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National Unit Specification: statement of standards

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Acceptable performance in this unit will be the satisfactory achievement of the standards set out in this part of the unit specification. All sections of the statement of standards are mandatory and cannot be altered without reference to the Scottish Qualifications Authority.

OUTCOME 1

Prepare for treatments involving artificial nail structures to the hand.

Performance criteria

- a) The client is correctly positioned for treatment.
- b) Contra indications to treatment are recognised and appropriate action is taken.
- c) The client's hands are clean, dry and existing nail enamel is removed.
- d) Preparatory products and techniques are applied without causing undue damage to the nailplate.
- e) COSHH Regulations are adhered to.

Note on range for the outcome

Contra indications: eczema; ringworm; nail infections; warts; inflammation; sepsis; cuts; abrasions; exposed nail bed.

Products: antiseptic solutions; pre application treatments and solutions.

Equipment: manicure implements; linens; arm rests/pillows.

Evidence requirements

Practical evidence of the candidate's ability to make appropriate preparations prior to treatment.

Practical and written evidence of the candidate's ability to recognise contra indications to treatment, and comply with COSHH Regulations.

OUTCOME 2

Provide artificial nail structure services.

Performance criteria

- a) Artificial nail structures selected are agreed in consultation with the client.
- b) Artificial nail structures are applied or repaired using materials, techniques which are in accordance with manufacturers' instructions and COSHH Regulations.
- c) Artificial nail structures are removed as and when indicated.
- d) The treatment results meet with the client's expectations.

Note on range for the outcome

Nail structures: ready formed extensions with overlay, sculptured artificial nails.

Treatments: original application; repair; removal; infill due to natural nail growth.

Equipment: sable brush; nail tip cutters; sanding blocks; carbon files.

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Evidence requirements

Practical evidence of the candidate's ability to perform treatments safely, effectively and to the client's satisfaction.

Written evidence: a research project covering current product trends and application.

OUTCOME 3

Provide advice on care and maintenance of artificial nail structures.

Performance criteria

- a) Procedures for home maintenance of artificial nail structures is clearly explained to the client.
- b) Suitable home care products are recommended and their usage explained in accordance with manufacturers' instructions.
- c) Action to be taken in event of damage or infection is explained fully to the client.

Note on range for the outcome

Home maintenance of: ready formed extensions with overlay, sculptured nails.

Procedures for damage avoidance: mechanical; chemical.

Contra actions: softening of nail bed; mould on nail bed.

Aftercare procedures: return to treatment provider for; infill due to natural nail growth; damage repair/renewal; infection or deterioration of nail plate/bed.

Evidence requirements

Written and practical evidence of the candidate's ability to provide full and accurate advice to clients on homecare and maintenance of nail extensions.

National Unit Specification: support notes

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This part of the unit specification is offered as guidance. The support notes are not mandatory.

While the exact time allocated to this unit is at the discretion of the centre, the notional design length is 40 hours.

GUIDANCE ON THE CONTENT AND CONTEXT FOR THIS UNIT

Corresponding to outcomes 1-3:

Outcome 1

Candidates should have a sound knowledge of the process of nail growth and the structure of the nail and nail bed in order that they may understand the consequence of damage during application or in subsequent use.

Contra indications to treatment should be identified and recognised as such. These should not be confused with nail disorders arising from reaction to artificial nail structures although both sets of conditions would prohibit treatment and may result in medical referral.

The function and application of nail protective products should be fully explained in terms of nail health/hygiene and/or those essential to the process.

The process will essentially cause some damage to the nail plate - this damage should always be minimal and candidates should be aware of the long term effects of excessive trauma.

Candidates should be aware of the COSHH Regulations for the different products available for use.

Outcome 2

Client consultation and agreement should always precede application as this is not a reversible process and candidates should be aware of the necessity to communicate clearly in order that the finished result is as close as possible to the client's previously expressed requirement.

Current trends and available products will dictate the range of materials available to the candidate at any given time. Centres should ensure that the range of products available should be sufficient to provide the candidate with a full range of treatment options.

Manufacturers' instructions should always be followed and candidates should be aware, that similar products may differ in application methods, aftercare or removal. Failure to adhere to manufacturers' instructions and COSHH Regulations could adversely effect treatments and health.

Outcome 3

The need to provide the client with sufficient aftercare advice should be clear. This should include damage avoidance in daily care and the possible consequences of mechanical and chemical damage. The procedures required to infill areas of natural nail growth and the procedures for removal of the structures.

Clients must be aware of the need to return to the provider to check any damage and to carry out maintenance as required.

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GUIDANCE ON LEARNING AND TEACHING APPROACHES FOR THIS UNIT

Apart from the essential knowledge base involving disease and contra-indications much of the work of the module is candidate centred.

Demonstrations of standard treatment practices by tutor and/or outside agencies should be followed by practical application by the candidates.

All practical activities could be carried out by pairs in the first instance working on models to encourage self and peer assessment.

Checklists could be devised by the candidates for this purpose.

Live examples will not always be available for identification of conditions and contra indications so pictures and video information could substitute for live examples.

The knowledge elements in this module could be evidenced by the production of project/case studies and/or record cards. Fact sheets or short answers questions could also be used.

GUIDANCE ON APPROACHES TO ASSESSMENT FOR THIS UNIT

Corresponding to outcomes 1-3:

Outcome 1

For performance criteria (a), (c) and (d) observation of the candidate's practical activity using a checklist to cover the following points:

- 1.1 position
- 1.2 comfort
- 1.3 safety
- 1.4 hygienic practices
- 1.5 cleansing of hands
- 1.6 removal of existing enamel.

For performance criteria (b) and (e) written evidence produced in the form of an essay or report, or a minimum of ten short answer questions relating to contra indications and referral procedures.

Satisfactory achievement of the outcome is based on all the performance criteria being met.

Outcome 2

Observation of the candidate's performance across the range of treatments using checklists to include each of the four performance criteria.

A research project into current trends and applications.

Satisfactory achievement of the outcome is based upon all the performance criteria being met.

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Outcome 3

Practical and written evidence of the candidate's ability to give full and accurate home care advice to the client.

This may be evidenced by use of a checklist to cover each of the three performance criteria.

Satisfactory achievement of the outcome will be based on all the performance criteria being met.

SPECIAL NEEDS

This unit specification is intended to ensure that there are no artificial barriers to learning or assessment. Special needs of individual candidates should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment instruments or considering special alternative outcomes for units. For information on these, please refer to the SQA document *Guidance on Special Assessment and Certification Arrangements for Candidates with Special Needs/Candidates whose First Language is not English* (SQA, 1998).