



National Unit Specification: general information

UNIT Working with Commercial Synthetic Postiche (SCQF level 6)

CODE F78Y 12

SUMMARY

This Unit has been designed as an optional Unit in the National Certificate Group Award (NCGA) in Hairdressing at SCQF level 6 and can also be taken as a free standing Unit.

Candidates will develop skills in consultation, using empathy and sensitivity with clients who require the use of commercial synthetic postiche, and will advise appropriate colour, style and fitting. They will develop skills in adapting synthetic postiche, give maintenance and product advice to meet the requirements of the client as well as carrying out maintenance procedures.

This Unit is suitable for candidates who have basic skills in hairstyling and hair cutting.

OUTCOMES

- 1 Prepare for, select and fit commercial synthetic postiche.
- 2 Prepare the commercial synthetic postiche to meet client requirements.
- 3 Carry out maintenance to commercial synthetic postiche.

Administrative Information

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RECOMMENDED ENTRY

While entry is at the discretion of the centre, candidates would normally be expected to have attained one of the following, or equivalent:

- ◆ F4C9 11: Shampooing, Conditioning and Scalp Massage
- ◆ F4BX 11: Blow Drying Techniques
- ◆ F4C8 11: Ladies Hairdressing: Basic Cutting Categories

CREDIT VALUE

1 credit at SCQF level 6 (6 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 6*).

**SCQF credit points are used to allocate credit to qualifications in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). Each qualification in the Framework is allocated a number of SCQF credit points at an SCQF level. There are 12 SCQF levels, ranging from Access 1 to Doctorates.*

CORE SKILLS

There is no automatic certification of Core Skills or Core Skills components in this Unit. Opportunities for developing aspects of Core Skills are highlighted in *Guidance on Learning and Teaching Approaches*.

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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 SQA.

OUTCOME 1

Prepare for, select and fit commercial synthetic postiche.

Performance Criteria

- (a) Consult effectively with the client to identify requirements and record.
- (b) Identify appropriate commercial synthetic postiche suitable for the client.
- (c) Assist client to select appropriate synthetic postiche.
- (d) Demonstrate fitting technique.

OUTCOME 2

Prepare the commercial synthetic postiche to meet client requirements.

Performance Criteria

- (a) Prepare and adapt postiche.
- (b) Fit and finish postiche on client.
- (c) Provide relevant homecare and product advice.
- (d) Comply with all relevant current health and safety legislation.

OUTCOME 3

Carry out maintenance to commercial synthetic postiche.

Performance Criteria

- (a) Cleanse and condition postiche.
- (b) Dry postiche appropriately.
- (c) Finish postiche appropriately.
- (d) Comply with all relevant current health and safety legislation.

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EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS UNIT

Performance evidence which covers all the Outcomes is required for this Unit.

Outcome 1 Performance Evidence

Candidates will be required to demonstrate by practical activity on a minimum of **two** occasions that they are able to:

- ◆ consult effectively with the client to identify requirements and record on client record
- ◆ identify appropriate commercial synthetic postiche suitable for the client
- ◆ assist client to select appropriate synthetic postiche
 - colour
 - style
- ◆ demonstrate fitting technique

Outcome 2 Performance Evidence

Candidates will be required to demonstrate by practical activity on a minimum of **two** occasions that they are able to:

- ◆ prepare and adapt postiche
 - cut and reduce bulk using texturising and razoring techniques
- ◆ fit and finish postiche on client
- ◆ provide relevant homecare and product advice to client
- ◆ comply with all relevant current legislation

Performance evidence for Outcomes 1 and 2 must be gathered on the same assessment occasion.

An assessor observation checklist and client consultation record must be used to provide evidence of performance of Outcomes 1 and 2.

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Outcome 3 Performance Evidence

Candidates will be required to demonstrate by practical activity on a minimum of **two** occasions that they are able to:

- ◆ cleanse and condition postiche
- ◆ dry postiche appropriately
- ◆ finish postiche appropriately
- ◆ comply with all relevant current legislation

Candidates must perform the cleaning and conditioning process using correct products suitable for commercial synthetic postiche. Rinse the postiche free of products and remove excess water, style the postiche and allow to dry naturally on a head mould. Candidates must then finish postiche appropriately.

An assessor observation checklist must be used to provide evidence of performance of Outcome 3.

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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

In this Unit the candidate will consult, assist in selection, advise, fit and adapt commercial synthetic postiche to meet the needs of the client as well as undertaking maintenance procedures.

This service may be provided for a variety of clients/reasons eg personal adornment — thinning hair, change of style, change of colour; medical reasons — hair loss.

Effective communication with the client will be essential.

Key areas of knowledge for this Unit are:

- ◆ effective consultation techniques
- ◆ how to give advice sensitively
- ◆ how to select colour to match client skin tone
- ◆ how to select style to meet client needs
- ◆ how to fit postiche
- ◆ cutting and thinning techniques using texturising and razoring
- ◆ finishing postiche
- ◆ client homecare and product advice
- ◆ postiche maintenance — eg cleaning, mending
- ◆ knowledge of the importance of adhering to appropriate current health and safety legislation:
 - Health and Safety at Work Act
 - Electricity at Work Regulations
 - Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH)
 - The Provision and use of Work Equipment Regulations
 - Data Protection Act
 - Personal Protective Equipment Act (PPE) at Work Regulations

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GUIDANCE ON LEARNING AND TEACHING APPROACHES FOR THIS UNIT

The requirements of the Unit should be discussed with candidates as part of the induction to the Unit. It is important to ensure that candidates are provided with advice and guidance on what is expected of them when they are undertaking this Unit. Candidates must be given clear information, advice and guidance about their role.

In Outcome 1 candidates should carry out a full consultation, completing a consultation card recording the individual requirements of a client requiring the use of commercial synthetic postiche. When carrying out the consultation process, candidates should demonstrate empathy and sensitivity; this will build confidence between the client and candidate. Candidates should analyse the individual needs of the client in terms of postiche length, colour and style. Throughout the consultation process candidates should develop a rapport with the client and obtain all the necessary information to complete the task. They should provide the client with a good service of advice and professional knowledge in the appearance and styling of their personal postiche. Candidates should demonstrate to their clients the correct fitting procedures for their postiche.

In Outcome 2 cutting and thinning techniques must include the use of scissors, texturising scissors and razors. Candidates must style the postiche on completion of cutting and thinning with the client to meet the desired result and give the client relevant maintenance and product advice.

In Outcome 3 candidates should carry out cleaning and conditioning using mild shampoo and conditioner. The importance of allowing the postiche to dry naturally on a head mould prior to being refitted onto the clients head should be emphasised.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CORE SKILL DEVELOPMENT

In this Unit candidates will be consulting with individual clients, assessing their needs, providing advice, and demonstrating techniques which will allow the client to fit and maintain their own personal postiche, providing the opportunity to develop the Core Skill *Communication*.

GUIDANCE ON APPROACHES TO ASSESSMENT FOR THIS UNIT

The Evidence Requirements are fully expressed in the mandatory section of this Unit specification.

Evidence for Outcomes 1 and 2 should be integrated. Outcome 3 could be assessed prior to or following Outcomes 1 and 2.

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Opportunities for the use of e-assessment

E-assessment may be appropriate for some assessments in this Unit. By e-assessment we mean assessment which is supported by Information and Communication Technology (ICT), such as e-testing or the use of e-portfolios or e-checklists. Centres which wish to use e-assessment must ensure that the national standard is applied to all candidate evidence and that conditions of assessment as specified in the Evidence Requirements are met, regardless of the mode of gathering evidence. Further advice is available in *SQA Guidelines on Online Assessment for Further Education (AA1641, March 2003)*, *SQA Guidelines on e-assessment for Schools (BD2625, June 2005)*.

DISABLED CANDIDATES AND/OR THOSE WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS

The additional support needs of individual candidates should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment instruments, or considering whether any reasonable adjustments may be required. Further advice can be found on our website www.sqa.org.uk/assessmentarrangements.