

National Unit Specification: General Information

UNIT Dry Hair Into Style and Create a Finished Look (Intermediate 2) (x1.5)

NUMBER D05G 11

COURSE This is a free standing unit which may be used as part of a Scottish Group Award or be associated with other programmes of study in schools, colleges of further education or other centres.

SUMMARY

The candidate will learn the principles of drying and finishing hair and how to apply a range of techniques to dry hair into style using a hand-held hair dryer and create a finished look using suitable products and equipment.

OUTCOMES

- 1 Explain the properties of hair in relation to styling.
- 2 Establish client requirements and dry hair into style.
- 3 Create a finished look on dry hair.

RECOMMENDED ENTRY

Entry is at the discretion of the centre.

CREDIT VALUE

1.5 Credits 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

Explain the properties of hair in relation to styling.

Performance Criteria

- a) The importance of the hygroscopic properties of hair is accurately defined.
- b) The elastic properties of hair are accurately described.
- c) The effect humidity has on the finished style is correctly explained.
- d) Health and safety regulations are adhered to at all times.

Note on range for the outcome

Properties of hair: elasticity; α -keratin; β -keratin; polypeptide chains; hydrogen bonds.

Evidence Requirements

The candidate should supply written/oral evidence of ability to explain the properties of hair in relation to drying and finishing covering all the performance criteria and the full range.

Restricted response and short answer questions would be appropriate.

OUTCOME 2

Establish client requirements and dry hair into style.

Performance Criteria

- a) Consultation with the client determines a course of action taking into account influencing factors.
- b) All tools, equipment and products are identified and selected to achieve the determined style.
- c) The hair is dried using techniques appropriate to the required style and to the satisfaction of the client.
- d) Client care and safety is observed and applied throughout the drying procedure.
- e) Health and safety regulations are adhered to at all times.

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Note on range for the outcome

Client consultation: establish client wishes; confirm a style; agree a plan of action.

Client care and safety: gowning; protection.

Hair: curly; straight.

Hair length: layered; one length; above shoulder; below shoulder.

Influencing factors: hair textures; hair cut; density; head/face shapes; hair growth patterns.

Drying techniques: blowdrying; finger drying; increase volume; decrease volume.

Equipment: hand-held driers; tongs; hot brushes; flat irons/crimpers.

Styling products: blow-dry lotion; mousse; gel.

Evidence Requirements

The candidate should supply performance evidence of the ability to prepare two clients and dry hair into style.

Observation of the candidate's performance in practical work should be carried out by the lecturer/teacher using a checklist.

The candidate should supply written/oral evidence of the understanding of health and safety regulations and their application to the drying processes

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OUTCOME 3

Create a finished look on dry hair.

Performance Criteria

- a) Consultation with the client determines a course of action taking into account influencing factors.
- b) All tools, equipment and products are identified and selected to achieve the determined finish.
- c) A finish is achieved using techniques appropriate to the required style and to the satisfaction of the client.
- d) Client care is applied throughout the finish using protective gowning procedures.
- e) Advice given on the aftercare of the style is appropriate to maintain the look.
- f) Health and safety regulations are adhered to at all times.
- g) The drying and finishing procedures are accurately reviewed and conclusions drawn.

Note on range for the outcome

Communication: establish client wishes; confirmation of desired finish.

Client care and safety: gowning; protection.

Hair types: curly; straight.

Hair length: layered; one length; above shoulder; below shoulder.

Influencing factors: hair textures; hair cut; density; head/face shapes; hair growth patterns.

Finishing products: spray; gel; wax; dressing cream.

Aftercare: styling techniques; tools; products.

Evidence Requirements

The candidate should supply performance evidence of the ability to create a finished look on two clients.

Observation of the candidate's performance in practical work should be carried out by the lecturer/teacher using a checklist.

The candidate should supply written/oral evidence of the understanding of health and safety regulations and their application to creating a finished look.

Written or oral evidence should also be used to establish that the candidate can make an accurate review of her/his performance, identifying the strengths and weaknesses of the drying and finishing strategy quoting relevant evidence and drawing a conclusion.

National unit specification: support notes

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This part of the unit specification is offered as guidance. None of the sections of the support notes is mandatory.

GUIDANCE ON CONTENT AND CONTEXT

Corresponding to outcomes 1-3:

- 1 The need for constant movement of the drier, and the correct drying sequence. Airflow requirements for different styles.

Range of products, tools, equipment and methods available for drying and finishing hair and their suitability for use on different hair types and for achieving different effects.

The effect of humidity on the hair with reference to the alpha/beta transformation.

- 2 The candidate must be aware of the importance of client consultation, taking into account face shape, life style, hair type and any influencing factors and understand the effects of products such as blow - dry lotion and mousse. The candidate will be able to identify and select appropriate drying equipment for different styles, also the selection of other tools ie. brushes and combs for differing techniques.

The importance of client protection and comfort must also be stressed to the candidate.

- 3 The candidate will create a finished look after consulting with the client and select appropriate equipment to obtain the desired finish taking into account influencing factors such as hair texture, cut, growth patterns and face shapes.

Safe hygienic practices should be re-inforced throughout this unit in relation to clients, self, equipment and the workplace. The regulations which cover technical hairdressing services are:

- The Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974
- The Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992
- The Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992
- The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992
- The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1992
- The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 1992 (COSHH) to include subsequent amendments
- The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989
- Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1985

Particular attention should be paid to regulations covering electrical equipment and COSHH regulations relation to styling and finishing products.

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GUIDANCE ON TEACHING AND LEARNING APPROACHES

The outcomes in this unit should be attempted concurrently as the ability to devise a drying and finishing strategy which is suitable for the client, can only develop as the candidate gains knowledge of techniques and equipment through practical experience.

Demonstration by the lecturer/teacher during the initial phase should ensure that adequate coverage of the different drying and finishing techniques are shown to the candidate.

By demonstration and discussion the skills of communication with clients and the analysis of client's hair, which have been required in earlier units, should be enhanced and refined.

Initial practice may be given on mannequin heads and when the candidate reaches a satisfactory standard he/she should progress to live models, with suitable hair types.

GUIDANCE ON APPROACHES TO ASSESSMENT

It is recommended that assessment is integrated so far as possible. For example, written or oral questioning used to generate evidence for knowledge and understanding in one outcome could be combined with questioning on knowledge and understanding for other outcomes in this or other units.

The practical assessments for Outcomes 2-3 may be combined in the same assessment tasks, which may also be used to assess practical outcomes from other units.

See also the specification for the unit Problem Solving (Intermediate 1).

For outcome 2 a checklist for observation of performance should include the following points:

- preparing clients for drying hair into style
- planning styles to meet specified requirements
- drying hair into style using appropriate products and techniques on clients with different hair styles
- following health and safety regulations regarding electrical drying equipment
- client care

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For outcome 3 a checklist for observation of performance should include the following points:

- preparing clients to create a finished look
- planning finishes to meet specified requirements
- achieving a finished look using appropriate products and techniques on clients with different hair types
- following health and safety regulations regarding electrical finishing equipment and COSHH regulations regarding finishing products
- client care
- aftercare advice.

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 alternative outcomes for units. For information on these, please refer to the SQA document *Guidance on Special Assessment and Certification Arrangements* (SQA, 1998).