



ITEC Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Beauty Therapy Rationale

Aims and objectives

The main aim of the ITEC Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Beauty Therapy is to enable candidates to gain the necessary practical and theoretical skills in order to provide Beauty Therapy services.

The ITEC Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Beauty Therapy is comprised of 3 mandatory units and a minimum of 2 optional units. The learner must choose a minimum of 8 optional credits. Minimum total credit value = 23.

QCF Unit Number	ITEC Unit Number	Mandatory Units	Credit Value	Guided Learning Hours (GLH)
A/601/5867	500 (G20)	Ensure Responsibility for Actions to Reduce Risks to Health and Safety	4	38
J/600/1258	580 (G3)	Contribute to the Development of Effective Working Relationships	4	40
R/600/9086	752 (B1)	Prepare and Maintain Salon Treatment Work Area	3	27
Optional Units				
F/600/1257	583 (G2)	Assist with Salon Reception Duties	4	38
Y/600/8747	753 (B2)	Assist with Facial Skin Care Treatments	4	40
F/600/8919	754 (B3)	Assist with Day Make-up	4	40
L/600/8924	755 (N1)	Assist with Nail Services	4	40
Total Guided Learning Hours (excluding optional unit)				105

Recommended guided learning hours – **183 - 185**

Learner credits based on learning hours - **23**

It also aims:

- to provide skills at Level 1 in the Qualifications and Credit Framework for those interested in the beauty industry
- to provide opportunities for staff in the beauty industry to gain a Level 1 qualification
- to qualify learners as beauty therapy at Level 1 in the beauty industry
- to sustain the interest of learners wanting to work in the beauty industry
- to encourage knowledge and understanding of the beauty industry at Level 1
- to provide opportunities for learners to focus on the development of the major key skills and the wider key skills in a beauty therapy context, such as communicating with clients, working with others and problem solving
- to provide opportunities for learners to develop a range of skills, techniques, personal qualities and attitudes essential for successful performance in employment as a beauty therapist.

The candidate will study the theory and practice of beauty therapy to include the 3 mandatory units and a minimum of 8 optional credits. The underpinning knowledge and skills required to successfully perform these services is also required.

Assessment

This qualification will be internally and externally assessed. There are 3 mandatory units, 500, 580, and 752. Units 583, 753 – 755 are optional.

QCF Unit Number	ITEC Unit Number	Mandatory Units	Assessment	Grading
A/601/5867	500 (G20)	Ensure Responsibility for Actions to Reduce Risks to Health and Safety	Practical assessments plus oral questions	Pass or Refer
J/600/1258	580 (G3)	Contribute to the development of effective working relationships	Practical assessments plus oral questions	Pass or Refer
R/600/9086	752 (B1)	Prepare and maintain salon treatment work area	Practical assessments plus MCQ – online or paper	Pass or Refer
Optional Units				
F/600/1257	583 (G2)	Assist with Salon Reception Duties	Practical assessments plus oral questions	Pass or Refer
Y/600/8747	753 (B2)	Assist with facial skin care treatments	Practical assessments plus MCQ – online or paper	Pass or Refer
F/600/8919	754 (B3)	Assist with day make-up	Practical assessments plus MCQ – online or paper	Pass or Refer
L/600/8924	755 (N1)	Assist with nail services	Practical assessments plus MCQ – online or paper	Pass or Refer

Grading of the qualification

- Practical assessments/observations and oral questions are graded Pass or Refer
- Theory multiple-choice tests are graded Pass or Refer
- If a learner is unsuccessful in any area, they will be reassessed only in the unit where they have not achieved a pass grade, for which they will be referred
- Referrals should be completed within one year of the original assessment/observation and/or multiple-choice theory test. The remainder of the results will stay in the ITEC system until all assessments and multiple-choice theory tests have been allocated a pass grade
- Learners must achieve a pass grade in all practical assessments/observations and underpinning knowledge tests to achieve the ITEC Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Beauty Therapy (see assessment table above).

Recommended prior learning

It is recommended that prior to commencing the ITEC Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Beauty Therapy, learners have reached a standard where they have achieved or are expected to achieve a level of education equivalent to five GCSE's at grades A*-C however, exemptions may be made for adult returners with experience of the workplace.

Opportunities for progression

Once candidates have achieved the ITEC Level 1 NVQ Certificate in Beauty Therapy they may progress on to other ITEC or equivalent awards at Level 2, for example:

- Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy - General
- Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy – Make-up
- Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy – Nail Services

This qualification allows graduates to progress to further training and development and also gain employment in Beauty Therapy salons

Relationship to National Occupational Standards (NOS)

ITEC has mapped to National Occupational Standards where they exist. ITEC has ensured that best practice in the workplace has been reflected in the syllabus. ITEC has linked the qualification to the relative job roles as well as ensuring that the syllabus reflects the required level of knowledge and ability for the beauty therapist at Level 1.

Professional body membership and insurance

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