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WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Working with different people always makes my job interesting. The wants of each client can vary, the ability to be able to adapt to what best suits the clients needs is very important. The skills that I have learnt and the knowledge that I have gained have ensured that I can do this professionally and efficiently.

The thing I love most about my job is the diverse range of treatments that I am able to perform everyday and working with colours that gives me the opportunity to show my creative skills and abilities. This is really evident when doing make-up and styling for a bridal party, themed party or for the futuristic look.

Working in a specialist day spa, I get the opportunity to do the full range of services that I have learnt. This includes:

Full facial; Massage; Waxing; Nails and Tinting.

Every day is different—you are always meeting new people, performing a range of different treatments and finding new ways to meet your clients' needs.

CAREER HIGHLIGHT:

Winning the Gold Medal at the 2011 State WorldSkills Competition has been the highlight of my career to-date. This win will take me to Sydney later this year where I hope to be successful in the National WorldSkills Competition in Beauty Therapy. Another highlight was when I completed the Certificate III in Beauty; this gave me the drive to continue with my training as I felt that it would assist me in obtaining a more positive career pathway.

MOST USEFUL SKILL ACQUIRED:

Through my job, meeting and treating many clients has given me the ability to develop my communication skills and comfort-levels with different types of people. It is vital in Beauty Therapy to build a good rapport with your clients.

STUDY/TRAINING:

I have completed my Certificate III and Certificate IV in Beauty and recently completed the Diploma in Beauty Therapy.

To compliment the career package I have also qualified in Nail Technology by completing Certificate II in Beauty. Currently I am training in Nail Art. My ultimate goal is to open my own up-market salon, but I have more to learn before I take that step, it's called ***"experience"***.

CHECKING ON COURSES

Some courses are clearly promoted as being based on a training package, but others are not. To find out whether a course is based on a training package, you can contact the training provider and ask.

Obtain any written course information you can from the training provider. You could contact them to request an information pack, and/or check their website.

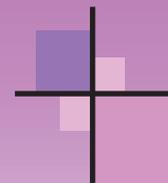
- ***Check this information to see if it makes it clear that the course will lead to a Nationally Recognised Qualification or Statement of Attainment.***
- ***Make sure that the organisation is a registered training organisation for the relevant qualifications or units of competency.***

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Choose a Career in *Beauty*



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Why consider Beauty?

The Beauty Industry is growing and evolving and there is a constant flow of new products and procedures being introduced into the market.

A career in Beauty offers incredible flexibility in terms of location – you can work virtually anywhere – in salons, day spas, hotels or even from home.

If you have an interest in make-up, personal grooming and beauty and enjoy interacting with people, ***Beauty could be the career for you.***

Some career choices could be:

- Retail Cosmetic Assistant or Cosmetic Consultant
- Nail Technician or Nail Artist
- Make-up Artistry
- Beautician
- Beauty Therapist

Some career choices for you in Beauty could be:

BEAUTY THERAPIST

Beauty Therapists provide a wide range of face and body treatments. They have a high level of public contact and need to be well presented with good communication skills.

Their work requires a thorough understanding of the human body and its key systems including skin biology, anatomy and physiology, nutrition and cosmetic chemistry.

Beauty Therapists may perform the following tasks:

- ◆ Carry out skin analysis and give advice about skin and body care
- ◆ Use a variety of treatments and electrical equipment to treat skin and body conditions
- ◆ Remove facial and body hair
- ◆ Provide aesthetic aromatherapy treatments
- ◆ Apply make-up
- ◆ Recommend skin care products
- ◆ Perform manicures, pedicures, nail enhancements and eyelash and eyebrow tinting
- ◆ Receive payments and arrange appointments
- ◆ Maintain client records
- ◆ Sell cosmetic products and related beauty equipment

MAKE-UP ARTIST

Make-up Artists may perform the following tasks:

- ◆ Prepare skin for make-up application and remove make-up as required
- ◆ Demonstrate cosmetic products to clients
- ◆ Instruct clients about make-up application
- ◆ Apply a wide variety of professional make-up products
- ◆ Design wigs, beards, masks and 'prosthetics' (*artificial body parts*) and apply them to achieve an appropriate character appearance
- ◆ Use make-up to produce special effects such as ageing, illness, scars and bruising
- ◆ Alter or maintain make-up during productions to ensure the continuity of a performer's appearance

NAIL TECHNICIAN OR NAIL ARTIST

Nail Technicians provide a wide range of hand and foot treatments which includes manicures, pedicures, massage and nail enhancement.

They have a high level of public contact so need to be well presented, enjoy working with people, and have good communication and listening skills.

In addition to some creative flair, Nail Technicians need to have a good knowledge of skin and nails and a commitment to cleanliness.

Nail Technicians often work in nail salons, beauty salons, department stores, hairdressing salons or from home.

Nail Technicians may perform the following tasks:

- ◆ Manicures and pedicures - Hand and foot massage
- ◆ Apply nail enhancements including artificial nails, nail art, nail jewellery and nail painting
- ◆ Use electrical equipment to clean, shape, buff and airbrush nails
- ◆ Receive payments, arrange appointments and maintain client records
- ◆ Sell nail products and related equipment - Advise clients on caring for their nails

RETAIL COSMETIC ASSISTANT OR COSMETIC CONSULTANT

Retail Cosmetic Assistants are specially trained sales assistants who promote one or more brands of cosmetic products in department stores, speciality stores or pharmacies. They help people to make decisions by providing advice on the purchase and on the application of cosmetics.

Most retail cosmetic assistants work in pharmacies, department stores or specialist cosmetic stores. They may be employed by a retail organisation, or by an individual cosmetic house.

Retail Cosmetic Assistants may perform the following tasks:

- ◆ Consult with clients to discuss their needs and identify skin type, colouring, age and facial structure
- ◆ Demonstrate skin care and make-up products to clients, including applying products
- ◆ Design and apply make-up
- ◆ Recommend skin care products to clients and advise them on their use
- ◆ Receive payments and arrange appointments
- ◆ Arrange and display products
- ◆ Sell cosmetic products, related equipment and services

What training do you need?

The standard requirement to work as a Beauty Therapist is either the —

Certificate IV in Beauty Therapy or the *Diploma of Beauty Therapy*.

Other nationally recognised qualifications available within the Industry are:

Certificate II in Nail Technology

Provides training for individuals wishing to work as Nail Technicians.

Certificate II in Retail Make-Up and Skin Care

Provides training for individuals wishing to work in the retail environment providing advice to customers through the demonstration of make-up and skin care products.

Certificate III in Beauty Services

Is designed for those wishing to work as a Beautician. It includes a limited range of services, such as eyelash and eyebrow tinting, manicures and pedicures, make-up and waxing.

Certificate IV in Beauty Therapy

Is the minimum qualification for work as a qualified Beauty Therapist. It includes the standard range of beauty treatments, including facial and body treatments.

Diploma of Beauty Therapy

Is designed for those wishing to work in a senior position in the Beauty Industry. It provides both standard and specialised services to clients, and it also includes options for those who may lead, supervise or train others.

Diploma of Salon Management

Is designed for Salon Managers, who are responsible for the operation of the business and may focus on building the business, creating and establishing a personal services culture, leading and developing a team, developing and implementing marketing activities, and ensuring all occupational health and safety requirements are maintained.

Vocational Graduate Certificate in Intense Pulsed Light (IPL) and Laser Hair Reduction

Is designed for Therapists who specialise in the use of IPL and Laser for hair reduction, it also develops a high level of knowledge enabling them to analyse skin and hair characteristics when designing and performing a hair reduction treatment plan, using appropriate technology in a safe and compliant manner.