

風火水土 ARMONIA

ITEC Nail Technology Diploma

INTRODUCTION

The International Therapy Examination Council (ITEC) is the largest international examinations board offering vocational qualifications in Beauty, Complementary and Sports Therapy. ITEC is supported by industry and recognised by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) on behalf of the Department for Education and Skills (DFES).

Achievement of the ITEC Nail Technology Diploma will allow you to work as a Nail Technician in a wide variety of establishments offering nail care in the beauty and health sector. It will also allow you to progress on to other Diploma courses such as the ITEC Nail Art Diploma or the ITEC Beauty Specialist Diploma.

This programme is aimed at students, over 19 years of age, who wish to change or enhance their career path, but may be working or have other commitments preventing them from attending a full time course. To achieve the ITEC Nail Technology Diploma you will attend the Academy for 3 •5f hours per week for 32 weeks. For information on alternative attendance options, to meet your individual needs, (including students already holding a Manicure & Pedicure qualification or Professional Conduct and Business Awareness qualification) please contact the Academy. The delivery time is divided equally between the theory and practical elements of the course covering 110 guided learning hours.

Content

- Manicure & Pedicure - Practical techniques including massage & enameled and theory including diseases & disorders of the skin and nail and related anatomy & physiology – 50 hours or APL
- Nail technology – Application of tips and silk, acrylic and gel based artificial nail structures and related theory - 60 hours
- Professional Conduct and Business Awareness – Supported learning or APL

Accreditation of prior learning (APL) for Manicure & Pedicure and/or Professional Conduct and Business Awareness can be requested against the relevant components of this qualification – please contact the Academy to discuss your individual requirements.

Course information

Your training will consist of practical input, theory input, case study work and personal tutorial sessions, to monitor your personal progress and develop your individual learning plan.

Your practical training will take place in the Academy's training salon. Once the manicure & pedicure and nail technology procedures and techniques have been delivered the practical sessions will become open to the general public. This will allow you to carry out some of your case study work and give you the opportunity to gain valuable salon experience.

Your training is further enhanced by the opportunity to work as a therapist on 2 Saturday Pamper days over the academic year. This encourages commercial timing and provides further salon experience ensuring you are fully prepared for work within your chosen industry.

Your theory delivery will be carried out in our theory room equipped with interactive technology. The course input is supported by comprehensive delivery materials allowing for lesson time to be focused on your learning.

Assessment

ITEC Diplomas are examination based qualifications structured in 3 parts.

- Practical examination
- Theory examination
- Case studies

The **practical examination** is conducted by an external ITEC Examiner. You will be required to carry out a full manicure or pedicure treatment on a client and the application of tips, gel and acrylic on a client. These practical examinations will be carried out separately but may be on the same day. During this process the examiner will ask questions to allow you to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding relating to the treatment being performed.

The **theory examination** consists of 3 multiple choice question papers covering the 3 topic areas:

- Manicure & Pedicure
- Nail Technology
- Professional Conduct and Business Awareness

For Manicure & Pedicure and Professional Conduct and Business Awareness the papers are made up of 50 multiple choice questions taken over 1 hour. The Nail Technology paper is a 30 minute paper consisting of 25 multiple choice questions.

Both theory and practical examinations are held at the Academy at the end of the academic year (July).

Case Studies

You are required to carry out 13 case study treatments covering 5 acrylic applications, 5 gel applications, 1 silk wrap application and 2 infill procedures. These are completed over the duration of the course and are in addition to your course hours. Support and guidance to assist with the completion of your case studies is provided by your course tutor. Student insurance is compulsory for case study treatments carried out away from the Academy. Your case studies are designed to show your progression and development as a nail technician. They will be marked by your course tutor and on completion they will be submitted to the ITEC examiner on the day of your practical examination.

Entry Requirements

It is desirable to have achieved 5 GCSE's at grade or above to study for this qualification. These qualifications need not apply to mature applicants whose suitability will be assessed at interview, based on motivation, potential and previous experience.

It is essential that all candidates have an enquiring mind, enthusiasm, motivation and a desire to work with people. Your acceptance on the course will be dependant up on a successful interview and a suitable reference.

Progression Route

ITEC Nail Art Diploma (P/T)

ITEC Beauty Specialist Diploma (F/T or P/T)

NVQ2 Beauty Therapy (F/T or P/T)

Employment opportunities

Employment in a Beauty Salon, Nail Bar, Self Employment