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COURSES

# NAIL TECHNICIAN

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN A NEW  
CAREER IN THE BEAUTY BUSINESS

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OCN LEVEL 2

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**Are you interested in the latest fashion trends? Do you enjoy working with people? Are you creative and artistic? If so, then why not think about becoming a Nail Technician?**

Now, thanks to our distance learning course, you can take that first exciting step to a whole new career in the beauty industry.

**Fancy a really interesting job in the beauty industry?**

Working in the beauty industry is both interesting and varied. Job satisfaction is high. As a Nail Technician, you would usually work in a salon with other beauticians, hairdressers etc. Or you can, if you wish, decide to be your own boss and run a 'mobile' business, visiting your clients in their own homes. Whatever path you choose, it's a job you'll love doing and you'll make new friends too!

The great thing about our Nail Technician course is that you can study in your own time, at your own pace, from home or from work. You will also have your own professional personal tutor offering tutor support by e-mail and post for a full 12 months from the day you receive the course.



### **What will I learn on the course?**

On the course you'll learn all about manicuring nails; decorating nails with coloured varnish, glitter, gems or special designs; applying false nails or nail extensions; cleaning nails and also discussing with your clients what would be most suitable for them. You'll also learn to check for signs of nail disease and the importance of following careful hygiene procedures.

### **Who can take the Nail Technician course?**

This course is from UK Open Learning, one of the UK's leading distance learning providers. You don't need any special qualifications to sign up for the course; it is open to anyone.

### **Is the Nail Technician course a recognised qualification?**

The course is validated by Open College Network North West Region which is licensed by the National Open College Network, itself an awarding body approved by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA). The course is at Level Two which is the same in terms of difficulty as an NVQ Two. It has a credit value of 6 or 60 hours of learning. Credits are increasingly being seen as the currency of all learning achievements. Should you wish to progress from this course to further qualifications at a college or with an employer, then the certificate from OCN

will stand you in good stead. You will also receive a UK Open Learning Diploma in Nail Technician.

The course has been mapped against the National Occupational Standards for the Beauty industry set by habia.

### **Will I be able to become a Nail Technician after taking the course?**

After completing your course, you should gain some hands-on training in a salon, or practise on friends and family to get some experience, and then you could start applying for jobs or set up your own mobile business.

### **Do I get a nail kit with the course?**

Yes, we provide a professional Acrylic Powder & Liquid Kit with everything you need to practise on friends and family.

### **Contents**

Acrylic liquid 50ml, Acrylic Powders, Pink 40g, White 40g, Clear 40g, Acetone 60ml, Nail Glue 6g, Cuticle Remover 10ml, Primer Pen, Sterilising Gel 60ml, Sterilising Spray 60ml, Black Beauty 240/240, Duraboard 240/240, Duraboard 100/180, White Block, Shine Buffer, Cuticle Oil 60ml, Varnish Remover 60ml, 50 Lint Free Pads, 3 Dappen Dishes, Sable Brush No.8, Manicure Sticks, 50 Perfect C Forms, Nail Scissors Curved, Tip Cutters, Tips - Olympic, Active, Ultra, Big C, French White. 20 of each assorted.

### **What are the advantages of being self-employed?**

After successful completion of the course, you may choose to start your own mobile Nail Technician business. The advantages of being self-employed are superb: being your own boss, not having to answer to anyone but yourself, choosing your hours, working from home...the list is endless! Just think, no more tedious commuting to work...the world is your oyster. Starting up your own business is less daunting than you think, and once you've started, you'll never look back.

### **Can I obtain insurance once I have completed the course?**

Our advice is to gain as much practical experience as you can, and once you receive your qualification contact [www.graham-sykes.co.uk](http://www.graham-sykes.co.uk) and they will be happy to help you.

### **How long do I have to complete the course?**

You can complete the course in your own time. However, you must get the full course completed within 12 months. If we update the course, the information will either be posted on our supporting website or sent to you free of charge. To complete this course it will take in the region of 60 study hours which can be spread over the 12 month period to suit the student.

**What happens if I've paid for the course but find it unsuitable?**

Not a problem. If you return it within seven days, we'll give you a refund as long as the course is received back in re-saleable condition with all the security seals intact.

**How do I complete the course?**

You will receive all the units listed below in a professional course manual. You then start working through the course

at your own time completing the assignments throughout the course which you then send to your tutor for marking. Your tutor will then mark your assignments and send them back to you with any comments.

**Is there a word count for these assignments?**

No, there is no specific word count for these assignments. However, you do have to prove to your tutor that you have fully understood the assignments, and one

sentence answers will be rejected and you will have to re-submit it.

**Is there an exam at the end of the course?**

No, your certificate is awarded on successful completion of your assignments.

**Qualification Terms Explained**

Recent developments in England have meant that the terms Diploma, Certificate and Award now have specific



meanings and can only relate to qualifications approved by Ofqual, the government regulatory authority. Consequently, our Open College Network courses will henceforth have the description '...a course validated by Open College Network.' This in no way diminishes the value or importance of the course but rather avoids the vagueness associated with the above terms. Should you need further information concerning this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

List of topics covered in the Nail Technician course:

#### **1. Your professional image**

- Health and safety
- Professional salon conduct towards client and colleagues
- Professional ethics
- Professional ethics towards clients and colleagues
- Your professional appearance

#### **2. Bacteria and other infectious agents**

- Bacteria – types
- Nail fungal infections
- Sterilisation
- Sanitation
- Disinfection

#### **3. Safety in the Salon**

- Chemicals used by Nail Technicians
- Overexposure to chemicals
- Eye protection
- Cumulative Trauma Disorders
- Carpel Tunnel Syndrome

#### **4. Understanding Chemicals**

- Matter and energy
- Properties of matter
- Energy
- Element, atom, compound and molecule
- Vapours
- Chemical reactions
- Catalysts
- Adhesion
- Primers
- Monomers and polymers
- Light and energy

#### **5. Anatomy and Physiology**

- Cells, tissues and membranes
- Cell structure and function
- Cell membranes
- Nucleus and nucleolus
- Cytoplasm
- Cell functions
- Cell division
- DNA
- Body tissue
- Epithelial
- Muscle
- Nervous
- Membranes
- Skeletal system
- Muscular system

#### **6. Nail Anatomy**

- Nails and disorders
- Symptoms

#### **7. Skin and its disorders**

- Function of the skin
- Skin structure
- Epidermis
- Dermis
- Nourishment
- Nerves
- Skin glands
- Skin disorders

#### **8. Client Consultation**

- Clients' needs
- Clients' lifestyle
- Client record card

#### **9. Manicuring**

- Supplies
- Sanitation of implements
- Materials and containers
- Nail cosmetic supplies
- Table top set up
- Nail shape
- Plain manicure
- Finishing the nails
- Male manicure
- Paraffin wax treatment
- Hand massage

#### **20. Basic Pedicure**

- Supplies
- Pre-service
- Performing a pedicure
- Foot massage

#### **11. Advanced Nail Techniques**

- Nail Tips
- Application

#### **12. Acrylic Overlay Tips**

- Acrylic powers
- Supplies
- Pre-service
- Application
- Refills
- Maintenance
- Removal

#### **13. U.V Gel System**

- Preparation
- French manicure
- Gel maintenance
- Gel removal

#### **14. Nail Wraps**

- Supplies
- Pre-service
- Application
- Maintaining,
- Removing
- Repairing fabric wraps
- Nail art



### 15. Areas of Nail Technician Work

- Mobile
- Home-based
- Salon-based

### 16. Safety at Work

- Control of substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)
- Electric files

### 17. Aromatherapy recipes for Manicures and Pedicures

- Cuticle softening treatment
- Nail strengthening treatment
- Tires, swollen feet
- Cracked and dry feet

**Every student who orders this course will receive an excellent new dvd. Created especially by the author of the course**

### DVD: Acrylic Nails and Tip Application

- Tips and Techniques from a professional Nail Technician
- Follow the step-by-step instructions contained on this DVD by one of the country's greatest ever nail technicians
- A leading Nail Technician, will show you step by step how to perform Acrylic Nail Application.

### The DVD covers:

- Getting to know your kit and supplies
- Client consultation
- Nail preparation
- Tip application
- Finishing
- End result- you will have a beautiful set of acrylic nails.



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