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Provide ear piercing

Ear piercing is a relatively straightforward treatment carried out in the salon and will involve piercing the lobe area of the ear (not the cartilage of the ear). You will learn how to consult with the client, and make clear recommendations, select appropriate tools and equipment and use correct techniques to achieve a satisfactory piercing of the ear lobe. You will also gain knowledge and understanding of contra-indications, health and safety working practices and aftercare advice that should be given to the client following the treatment.

Assignment mark sheet

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Your assessor will mark you on each of the practical tasks in this unit. This page is used to work out your overall grade for the unit. You must pass **all** parts of the tasks to be able to achieve a grade. **For each completed practical task, a pass equals 1 point, a merit equals 2 points and a distinction equals 3 points.**

What you must know	Tick when complete
Task 1a: produce an information sheet	
Task 1b: produce a fact sheet	
Task 1c: anatomy and physiology	
Or tick if covered by a GOLA online test	

What you must do	Grade	Points
Task 2: provide ear piercing		

Overall grade



Candidate name:

Candidate signature: Date:

Assessor signature: Date:

Quality assurance co-ordinator signature (where applicable): Date:

External Verifier signature (where applicable): Date:

What does it mean?

Some useful words are explained below

Contaminated waste

Consumables that have been soiled with bodily fluids; this type of waste requires special disposal methods.

Contra-action

An unfavourable reaction that may occur either during or after the treatment, eg skin swelling, weeping.

Disinfection

The process of destroying some but not all micro-organisms.

Keloid scarring

A type of scar tissue in which the scar rises above the rest of the skin in a thickened, tomb-like overgrowth of tissue.

Marker pen

A surgical pen that is used to mark the position on the ear lobes for piercing.



Piercing gun

Used to pierce the ear lobes; earrings are placed into the gun, which is spring loaded.

Scar tissue

Healed area where the skin is often a different colour; it may be red-looking and raised.

Sterilisation

The process of destroying all micro-organisms and their spores.



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What you must know

You must be able to:

- 1 describe the environmental conditions suitable for ear piercing
- 2 describe different consultation techniques used to identify treatment objectives
- 3 describe how to select products, tools and equipment to suit the client's treatment needs
- 4 describe the contra-indications to ear piercing
- 5 state how to communicate and behave in a professional manner
- 6 describe health and safety working practices
- 7 state the importance of positioning yourself and the client correctly throughout the treatment
- 8 state the importance of using products, tools, equipment and techniques to suit the client's treatment needs
- 9 state the contra-actions that may occur during and following treatments and how to respond
- 10 state the importance of completing the treatment to the satisfaction of the client
- 11 state the importance of completing treatment records
- 12 state the aftercare advice that should be provided
- 13 describe the blood and lymph supply to the ear
- 14 describe the external structure of the ear

Revision tip

As well as practising your technique on cardboard ears, you could try orange peel or polystyrene, as they are often the same thickness as ear lobes.



sterilise the piercing gun
after use on each client and
use self-contained disposable
cartridges.

Ear po



Paloma Faith's earrings complete her
quirky look.

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piercing

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Adverse reactions usually occur at home, so make sure you give the client very clear aftercare advice, including an information leaflet.

What you must do

Practical observations

This page shows what you need to do during your practical task. You can look at it beforehand, but you're **not** allowed to have it with you while carrying out your practical task. You must achieve **all** the criteria; you can achieve 1 mark, 2 marks or 3 marks for the criteria indicated with *****.

- 1 Prepare yourself, the client and the work area for ear piercing treatment
- 2 Use suitable consultation techniques to identify treatment objectives *****
- 3 Provide clear recommendations to the client *****
- 4 Position yourself and the client correctly throughout the treatment
- 5 Follow health and safety working practices
- 6 Communicate and behave in a professional manner
- 7 Select and use products, tools, equipment and techniques to suit the client's treatment needs
- 8 Complete the treatment to the satisfaction of the client *****
- 9 Record the results of the treatment with the client
- 10 Provide suitable aftercare advice *****

Total

Grade

Candidate signature and date

Assessor signature and date

Conversion chart

Grade	Marks
Pass	10–11
Merit	12–15
Distinction	16–18

Please tick when all pre-observation requirements have been met.

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1		
1	2	3
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What you must do

Practical observations descriptors table

This table shows what you need to do to achieve 1, 2 or 3 marks for the criteria indicated with * on the previous page.

	1 mark	2 marks	3 marks
2 Use suitable consultation techniques to identify treatment objectives	Basic consultation carried out. Examples: closed questions used throughout, questioning covered contra-indications.	Good consultation carried out. Examples: open and closed questions, positive body language, questioning covered contra-indications, general health, lifestyle and expectations.	Thorough consultation carried out. Examples: open and closed questions, positive body language, questioning covered contra-indications, general health, lifestyle and expectations.
3 Provide clear recommendations to the client	A basic treatment plan is recommended. Example: objectives of the treatment identified.	A good treatment plan is recommended. Examples: objectives of the treatment identified, taking into account client expectations, current piercings (if any) and choice of suitable earrings.	A thorough treatment plan is recommended. Examples: objectives of the treatment identified, taking into account client expectations, current piercings (if any) and choice of suitable earrings. Explains the expected treatment sensation and allows the client to ask questions to confirm understanding.
8 Complete the treatment to the satisfaction of the client	The treatment is completed within the agreed time and brought to a satisfactory close.	The treatment is completed within the agreed time and the client is shown the result.	The treatment is completed within the agreed time, brought to a satisfactory close, the client is shown the result, client is assisted where necessary.
10 Provide suitable aftercare advice	Basic aftercare advice is provided including possible contra-actions.	Good level of aftercare advice to include homecare products and future treatments.	Excellent aftercare advice to include homecare products, application and removal techniques and future treatment and recommendations.

Comment form

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This form can be used to record comments by you, your client, or your assessor.



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