### Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **City & Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Beauty Therapy (603/0376/1)**

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<td><strong>OVERVIEW</strong></td>
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<td>Who is this qualification for?</td>
<td>This Level 2 Technical Certificate in Beauty Therapy aims to provide you with a range of essential technical and practical skills and knowledge, which will equip you to seek employment or further training within the beauty Industry. These skills include carrying out treatments such as; manicure, pedicure, hair removal, facial treatments, lash and brow treatments, application of make-up and light cured gel polish. Following successful completion of this qualification you will be qualified to work in a number of employment destinations such as; beauty salons, spas, hotels or health clubs etc. This qualification is suitable for anyone over the age of 16 years. You don’t need any previous knowledge or experience to start this qualification.</td>
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| What does this qualification cover? | This qualification covers all the core skills you will need to progress to further learning and training, or to enter the world of work within the beauty therapy industries. You will study the following mandatory content:  
- Anatomy & Physiology  
- Principles of practice for Beauty Therapists  
- Hair removal treatments  
- Facial and skin analysis  
- Manicure treatments  
- Pedicure treatments  
- Light cured gel polish  
- Lash and Brow treatments  
- Apply make-up services  
These are the optional units from which you will choose one:  
- Male skin care  
- Tanning treatments  
- Spa treatments  
The optional units enable you to tailor make your qualification to meets the employment demands in your area of interest. There are three optional units to choose from, each is written to maximise potential employment possibility and enrich your knowledge and skill. |
How does this qualification relate to a wider learning programme?

Centres and providers work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. The different ways in which centres could support your learning, by working with both local and national beauty therapy businesses, include:

• structured work-experience or work-placements within their business
• your attendance at classes or lectures given by industry experts
• employers input into projects and exercises, or are involved with setting assessments and examinations
• employers who act as ‘expert witnesses’ to contribute to the assessment of your work.

This practical based training is ideal preparation for gaining employment in the beauty therapy industry or further specialist study.

This qualification provides a real opportunity for you to gain work specific skills and knowledge in beauty therapy as well as studying English and maths that would benefit you in your progression opportunities and into employment. It will provide an opportunity to connect your technical learning with real-life work placement through the work experience element of your course. There will be other non-qualification activities which you will engage in whilst studying such as enrichment activities which might include the development of employability skills, team work and problem solving techniques, communications and client care, which are really important when thinking about working in this industry. You will also receive personal tutorials which will provide opportunities to set meaningful targets for yourself and to carry out self-evaluation and reflection.

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?

Achievement of this qualification demonstrates to an employer that you have the essential technical skills, knowledge of health & safety and customer service to be employed as a beauty therapist.

This qualification could lead to a job as a beauty therapist working in one of the following establishments:

• Beauty salon
• Spa
• Health club
• Cruise ship
• Hotel

Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

City & Guilds offers different technical certificate qualifications at Level 2 covering the skills and knowledge needed to work within the beauty industry within different job roles such as a Beauty Therapist, Nail Technician or Make-up Artist.
You are likely to choose this qualification if you want to cover all of the technical skills and knowledge needed to work as a beauty therapist.

**Will the qualification lead to further learning?**

This qualification will allow you to progress into employment or onto the a Level 3 Technical Diploma qualification such as:

- City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Beauty and Spa Therapy
- City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced technical Diploma in Complementary Therapies
- City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Make-up Artistry.

Where you can enhance the skills and knowledge that you have gained at level two to progress into senior job roles and wider career choices.

This qualification could also lead you to an apprenticeship in Beauty therapy. There are a number of current Advanced Beauty Therapy Apprenticeships that you could progress onto such as;

- Level 3 Apprenticeship in Beauty Therapy – general
- Level 3 Apprenticeship in Nails

**WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?**

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**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Please refer to the Qualification Handbook, available on the City & Guilds website, for more information on the structure of this qualification, the content of the units, and assessment.