

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Advanced Technical Diploma in Complementary Therapies (540) (601/7355/5)**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	<p>This qualification is aimed at you if you are looking to work in the Complementary Therapies sector.</p> <p>This Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Complementary Therapies aims to provide you with a range of specialist technical practical skills and knowledge, which will equip you to seek employment or further training within the Complementary Therapies Industry.</p> <p>A Level 2 Diploma in Complementary Therapies or equivalent industry experience is a recommended entry requirement.</p> <p>This qualification is suitable for anyone over the age of 16 years.</p>
What does this qualification cover?	<p>This qualification covers a very wide range of skills and knowledge required for working in the complementary therapies sector.</p> <p>These are compulsory areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles and Practices for Complementary Therapies • Business Practice for Complementary Therapies • Knowledge of Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology for Complementary Therapies • Provide Body Massage for Complementary Therapies • Provide Aromatherapy for Complementary Therapies • Provide Reflexology for Complementary Therapies <p>Centres and providers work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. Employers will provide demonstrations and talks on the industry and where possible work placements will also be provided by the employers. This practically based training is ideal preparation for gaining employment in the complementary therapies sector or specialist further study.</p>

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 necessary advanced technical skills to be employed as a Senior Complementary Therapist.

This qualification could lead to a job as a Senior Complementary Therapist working in one of the following areas:

- Salon
- Health resort
- Integrated healthcare sector
- Product manufacturing

Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

You would choose this qualification if you want to work as a Senior Complementary Therapist within the integrated health care sector as the complementary therapist sector rather than a beauty and spa therapist within the beauty and spa industry.

This qualification contains specialist skills and knowledge which equips you to carry out the job role as a complementary therapist. If you would prefer to work within the beauty or spa industry then it is recommended that you look at the following City & Guilds qualification:

City & Guilds Advanced Technical Diploma in Beauty and Spa Therapy (540)

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

The learner could progress into employment or into Higher Education, to go on to study subjects such as:

- Complementary medicine
- Business management
- Health care

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

Employer/Higher Education Institutions

British Association of Beauty Therapy & Cosmetology (BABTAC) – professional association
Federation of Holistic Therapists (FHT) – professional association
Complementary and Natural Healthcare Council (CNHC) - professional association

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.