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Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Nail Services

Location	Stockport College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Beauty Therapies
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	SFP-BY3D-1100

Course Overview

This course is designed for learners who have already completed Level 2 Nail Services or Level 2 Beauty Therapy.

This course offers you the employability skills required to work as a professional Nail Technician to Level 3 Standard.

You will gain advanced specialist training in nail techniques. Ranging from artificial structures (gel, acrylic and fibreglass, maintenance and repair, manual and electric filing) to nail art services (design and creation) embedding, 3D to competition work, whilst following health and safety and salon procedures to ensure client satisfaction.

You will develop good manual dexterity, good communication and interpersonal skills to help you progress further with your career in this industry.

Course Requirements

4 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above (including maths and/or English Language).

What You Will Learn

This qualification will help confirm your competence as a nail technician. You will be expected to work in a real working environment on real clients, particularly because this qualification leads to employment in such a client-centred and service orientated sector. This qualification includes all the required elements to work effectively as a nail technician including enhancing and maintaining nails using UV gel and liquid and powder.

This qualification will prepare you for employment as a nail technician. You will also be eligible to join a professional association and gain insurance as a nail technician. Career opportunities as a nail technician exist in a variety of contexts, including:

- Working in commercial nail and beauty
- Working on a cruise ship
- Working in a retail concession / nail bar
- Working independently - self-employed / mobile / home-based settings

Assessment

As part of this qualification you are required to produce a portfolio of evidence. A portfolio will confirm the knowledge, understanding and skills that you have learnt over the course duration. It may be in either electronic or paper format.

Evidence in the portfolio may take the following forms:

Observed work

Witness statements

Audio-visual media

Evidence of prior learning or attainment

Oral questions

Assignments

Case studies

Progression

After completion of this course you may progress onto the following courses:

Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Specialist Techniques

Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy

Level 2 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing

Level 2 Diploma in Barbering

Level 2 Diploma in Hair and Media Make-Up Studies

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- Sales representative

Mandatory Units

Monitoring procedures to safely control work operations

Enhancing and maintaining nails using UV gel

Enhancing and maintaining nails using liquid and powder

Contact Details

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