

BEAUTY, NAILS & SPA CAREERS:

Non-medical Aesthetics Practitioner

WHERE TO STUDY?

You can study with a private training provider or at a college of further education. Colleges often have a September start date while private training providers will have year-round start times.

Colleges start advertising and enrolling early, so we'd encourage you to speak with someone at the college to get all your questions answered. You can often find your answers by visiting their website for more details. Not sure what colleges in your area have the courses you want to study? You can find colleges that offer iTEC and VTCT qualifications through our websites or this link: www.vtct.org.uk/find-a-centre or www.itecworld.co.uk/find-a-centre.



STUDY FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME?

You can study full-time or part-time. Some colleges and training providers may offer part-time/evening courses that will allow you to balance your studies with your other commitments. This is something we recommend investigating to see what is offered in your local area.



COURSES AVAILABLE

Level 4 Certificates

- Radio Frequency
- Skin Needling
- Skin Peeling
- Ultrasound

Level 5 Certificates

- Advanced Blemish Removal
- Laser Tattoo Removal



WHAT IS THE PATHWAY TO LEVEL 4 AND 5?

Level 2 and 3

Initially, a recognised Level 2 Beauty Therapy Diploma will give you all the skills you need to gain employment. You could then continue with a Level 3 course that would include massage, facial and body electrotherapy. Once these are completed, you could then work as a fully qualified beauty therapist.

Level

4

Already have a Level 3 Beauty Therapy qualification?

At any point in your career as a beauty therapist, you can enrol on a Level 4 Qualification. Simply choose the technical subject you want to study and find a training provider or college that offers it. Your Level 4 course can run alongside your current job. Use the find a centre link above to see where you can study.

Level 5

If you would like to study further and progress on to a Level 5 qualification in Advanced Blemish Removal, you will need to have a Level 4 qualification in Skin Blemish Removal. In order to progress on to the Level 5 Laser Tattoo Removal qualification, you will need to have studied a Level 4 Laser and IPL qualification.

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HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?



Many ask "How long will it take to complete my studies?" To become a Non-medical Aesthetics practitioner, you would initially need to complete a Level 2 and Level 3 Beauty Therapy qualification which would generally take two years. As a therapist, you can work with a Level 2 qualification. This means you can potentially start earning a salary after about a year of studying, however, salons and spas generally would want you to be trained to a Level 3 standard.

Once you have completed your Level 2 and 3 qualifications, you can choose your Non-medical Aesthetics route, and this would take another three to six months. This means in just two and a half years you could become fully qualified and apply for a job in the Non-medical Aesthetics industry.

Working in the industry whilst completing your training will help you to be more employable, as well as furthering your education and experience. You can up-skill yourself, and broaden your business, by completing these Non-medical Aesthetics courses.

POTENTIAL EARNING POWER

The average wage for a Non-medical Aesthetics practitioner could be around £35,000-40,000 per annum depending on experience and qualifications.



PAYING FOR MY STUDIES

A Level 4 course could be self-funded or you could have the company that you work for sponsor your training. Additionally, some of the equipment manufacturing companies will pay for an individual to be trained on a qualification so they have the skills necessary to perform the job.

WHERE CAN I WORK?

You can find work as a Non-medical Aesthetics practitioner in many different locations. Our iTEC and VTCT qualifications offer international mobility so your opportunities are truly world-wide. Additionally, beyond geographical borders, the setting in which you work can be just as diverse. You could find employment in any of the following areas:

- Beauty salons
- Cosmetic clinics
- Self-employment
- Education route (teacher/assessor)

WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL I NEED?

For Level 2 and 3 courses, the centre may supply your kit, but you can always buy your own. Prices vary, but a good quality, basic kit will probably cost over £100. You will also have to buy a salon uniform and they usually cost about £50. Because the Level 4 & 5 courses are specialised, the equipment you will be using is often very expensive. Because of this, it is typical that the training provider or college will have the equipment you will be using for your course.

