Specification of Competency Standards of the Beauty Industry
Unit of Competency

Functional Area: Nail, Hand & Foot Care

Title	Perform basic manicure/ pedicure
Code	106901L2
Range	Perform basic manicure/ pedicure on customers at beauty salons and locations providing nail and hand/foot treatments according to the code of practice for personal and working hygiene.
Level	2
Credit	3

Competency	Performance Requirements
	1. Knowledge relevant to manicure/ pedicure
	• Understand the process of finger/toe nail growth, including nail formation, growth rate, factors affecting growth, the effects of damage to the nail plate on nail growth,etc.
	• Understand the shape and structure of finger/toe nails, including nail plate, nail bed, nail root, cuticles, lunula, nail mantle, nail groove, free edge,etc.
	• Understand nail common problems such as, leuconychia , onycholysis , tinea unguium , pterygium , onychorrhexis , etc. onychomycosis, onychophagy
	• Understand the types and functions of manicure/ pedicure tools and products
	    • Tools: cuticle trimmer, cuticle nippers, nail file, scissors, nail clippers, buffer,etc.
	    • Products: cuticle massage cream, cuticle remover, hand cream, buffing cream, exfoliating cream,etc.
	2. Perform basic manicure/ pedicure
	• Make preparations for the treatment, such as:
	    • Prepare manicure/ pedicure products
	    • Sterilize the tools
	• Master manicure/pedicure techniques and perform basic manicure/pedicure according to the customers' nail shape and needs, such as: soaking and cutting nails, removing debris, applying nail polish
	• Master the correct ways of using manicure/ pedicure tools
	• Observe adverse effects on the customers in the treatment process, and take remedial actions immediately according to established procedures

Assessment Criteria	The integrated outcome requirements of this unit of competency are: • Capable to master manicure/ pedicure techniques and the correct ways of using manicure/ pedicure tools; and • Capable to perform basic manicure/ pedicure according to the code of practice for personal and working hygiene and customer needs.
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