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SIBBSKS505A Provide upper body piercing

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Unit Descriptor

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to perform a defined range of upper body piercing for the nose, ear cartilage and navel.

Application of the Unit

Upper body piercing is a skin penetration service offered by some beauty therapy salons. As such, it is subject to the requirements of relevant skin penetration legislation and regulations in all states and territories.

Beauty therapists may pierce one area or multiple areas of the upper body, which may include the nose, ear cartilage or navel, to attach body jewellery in response to a client brief.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Relevant state and territory skin penetration legislation and regulations apply to this unit at the time of endorsement.

Pre-Requisites

HLTIN402B Maintain infection control standards in office practice settings

Employability Skills Information

This unit contains employability skills.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.

- 1 Confirm treatment plan.
- 2 Prepare client for service.
- 3 Perform body piercing.
- 4 Review treatment and provide post-treatment advice.

Performance Criteria

Performance criteria describe the achievement of the element. Where information is detailed in the range statement. Assessment of evidence guide.

- 1.1 Access client *treatment plan*.
- 1.2 Identify and note any *variations*.
- 1.3 Confirm treatment plan with client.
- 1.4 Obtain written consent from client and confirm *workplace policies and procedures*.
- 1.5 Identify and select *products* for treatment plan.
- 2.1 Prepare service area and equipment according to *workplace policies and procedures*.
- 2.2 Provide advice on *maintenance* of piercing to client.
- 2.3 Measure *piercing site* to determine size of jewellery.
- 2.4 Confirm *body jewellery style* with client.
- 3.1 Apply *infection control* and relevant legislation and workplace policies.
- 3.2 Complete *preparation of body* according to relevant legislation, workplace policies and treatment plan.
- 3.3 Cleanse piercing site according to *workplace policies and procedures*.
- 3.4 Mark body according to selected *product*.
- 3.5 Perform piercing safely and in accordance with relevant legislation, and workplace policies and procedures.
- 3.6 Cleanse, sterilise or dispose of equipment according to relevant legislation and workplace policies and procedures.
- 3.7 Identify and manage adverse reactions according to *workplace policies and procedures*.
- 3.8 Cleanse service area according to *workplace policies and procedures*.
- 4.1 Seek *client feedback* and record.
- 4.2 Provide *home-care advice* and confirm understanding of *workplace policies and procedures*.
- 4.3 Make *product recommendations*.

Required Skills and Knowledge

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

The following skills must be assessed as part of this unit:

- technical skills to:
 - respond to contraindications and adverse effects
 - interpret treatment plans, and identify and adjust to changes in clients' condition
 - respond to state or territory Acts or local regulations relating to skin penetration and infection control, through the implementation of workplace procedures
 - select appropriate types, metals, sizes and gauges of body jewellery
 - operate sterilising equipment and complete record keeping requirements
 - apply body piercing products and equipment while ensuring the safety of the client and the practitioner
- communication skills to:
 - advise clients and respond to questions
 - provide information and reassurance to clients throughout body piercing services
- literacy skills to:
 - read and interpret relevant workplace documents
 - record relevant information accurately and legibly.

Required knowledge

The following knowledge must be assessed as part of this unit:

- relevant federal, state and territory Acts and local regulations relating to skin penetration including, relevant occupational health and safety regulations and requirements
- infection control procedures and universal precautions
- workplace policies and procedures in regard to body piercing services
- anatomy and physiology of the skin and skin structures as they relate to body piercing, including:
 - simplified cross-section of skin
 - glands as they relate to basic skin function
 - skin chemicals, including sebum and sweat production:
 - normal and abnormal
 - collagen
 - elastin
 - lipids
 - microscopic anatomy of the epidermis, dermis and hypodermis
 - normal process of skin ageing and structural change

- normal skin response to irritation and trauma
- scars, including hypertrophic and keloid (their origin and evolution) and abnormal scar tissue
- wound healing in different skin types and locations
- effects of treatments on the physical structure of the skin
- body piercing procedures, including:
 - preparing service area
 - preparing products and equipment
 - preparing client and operator
 - marking piercing sites
 - applying body jewellery
 - cleaning and disposing of product and equipment
 - maintaining equipment and product records
 - maintaining client records
 - implementing post-treatment procedures
 - implementing procedures for consent forms
 - providing home-care advice to client
- appearance of contraindications and adverse effects
- workplace equipment product range and manufacturer instructions and data sheets.

Evidence Guide

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

Evidence of the following is essential:

- applying relevant federal, state or territory Acts and local regulations relating to skin penetration along with the application of standard infection control precautions
- recognising and managing contraindications and adverse effects
- safely applying body piercing techniques and jewellery
- using effective questioning and active listening techniques to consult, reassure and negotiate with clients, while maintaining discretion and confidentiality
- selecting, preparing, using and disposing of or cleaning body piercing products and equipment according to legislative requirements, manufacturer instructions and workplace policies and procedures
- evaluating a body piercing service and advising the client on home care and complementary products.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment must ensure:

- that competency is consistently demonstrated over a period of time and observed by the assessor or the technical expert working in partnership with the assessor as described in the Assessment Guidelines
- that competency is demonstrated in a simulated workplace environment in a range of real work situations which may include client interruptions and involvement in other related activities normally expected in the workplace.

Assessment must ensure access to:

- a fully equipped upper body piercing treatment area, which includes as a minimum:
 - individual client workstations
 - adjustable treatment couch with equipment and operator safe working access at head, foot and each side
 - access to sterilised equipment
 - a plentiful supply of sterile cleansing swabs

- antibacterial skin cleansing solution
- needles
- needle acceptor tubes
- callipers
- forceps
- ball holding tweezers
- ring opening and closing pliers
- iris scissors
- a range of body jewellery in sterile packaging
- personal protective equipment, including disposable gloves
- appropriate cleaning and disinfection products and equipment
- relevant workplace documentation including:
 - manufacturer's equipment instructions
 - product instructions
 - manufacturer safety data sheets
 - workplace policies and procedures manuals
- a range of clients with different upper body piercing requirements.

For further guidance on the use of an appropriate simulated environment, refer to the Assessment Guidelines in this Training Package.

Methods of assessment

A range of assessment methods should be used to assess practical skills and knowledge. The following examples are appropriate for this unit:

- observation of learners performing a range of tasks in a simulated work environment, over sufficient time to demonstrate handling of a range of contingencies, including:
 - preparing the service area and client for body piercing
 - selecting an appropriate style and gauge of jewellery
 - performing piercings on the upper body
 - attaching jewellery
 - implementing relevant infection control and skin penetration procedures and legislation
- written and oral questioning appropriate to the language and literacy level of the learner, to assess knowledge and understanding of body piercing procedures, including the application of infection control
- completion of workplace documentation relevant to providing body piercing.

Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended, for example:

- SIBBCCS404A Work in a skin therapies framework.

Range Statement

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording, if used in the performance criteria, is detailed below. Essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) may also be included.

- Treatment plan*** must include:
- piercing site or sites
 - body jewellery
 - equipment
 - contraindications:
 - bacterial, viral or fungal infections
 - rashes
 - sunburn
 - scar tissue and lesions
 - other visible non-normal skin
 - hypertrophic and keloid scarring tendency
 - areas of the body requiring special treatment:
 - soft tissue
 - cartilage
 - blood supply areas
 - nerves.
- Variations to treatment plan*** may include:
- changes in client's physical condition
 - changes in client requirements.
- Clients*** may include:
- new or regular clients with routine or special needs
 - male or female clients
 - people from a range of social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds and age groups with varying physical and mental abilities.
- Relevant legislation*** may include:
- state and local health and hygiene regulations
 - federal, state or territory skin penetration Acts and local regulations
 - occupational health and safety.
 - infection controls
- Workplace policies and procedures*** may include:
- environmental protection practices, such as:
 - safe disposal of sharps and other treatment waste
 - waste minimisation
 - energy efficiency, e.g. electricity saving devices and practices

- resource management
- water efficiency
- care and maintenance of equipment
- designated time frame for service.

- Products** may include:
- antiseptic
 - cleanser
 - swabs
 - gloves
 - autoclave bags.
- Equipment** must include:
- needles
 - needle acceptor tubes
 - autoclave
 - calipers
 - forceps
 - ball holding tweezers
 - ring opening and closing pliers
 - iris scissors.
- Maintenance** must include:
- disinfection
 - care of body jewellery
 - general hygiene.
- Adverse effects** may include:
- bleeding
 - fainting
 - infection
 - hypertrophic and keloid scarring.
- Piercing site** may include:
- ala of nose
 - ear cartilage:
 - tragus
 - antitragus
 - helix
 - antihelix
 - daith
 - navel.
- Body jewellery style** may include:
- ball captured rings
 - barbells
 - bananabells
 - nose studs
 - navel bananabells
 - circular barbells.
- Infection control procedures** must include:
- pre- and post-treatment cleansing of service area
 - single-use equipment
 - cleaning of reusable equipment
 - personal protective equipment.
- Skin penetration procedures** must include:
- prevention of blood to blood contact
 - protection of wound sites
 - sterilisation.

- Preparation of body jewellery*** must include:
- sterilisation packaging
 - record keeping.
- Client feedback*** may include:
- comments
 - suggestions
 - enquiries.
- Relevant outcomes of treatment*** may include:
- client reaction
 - adverse effects.
- Home-care advice*** must include:
- cleansing procedures for piercing site
 - cleaning and rotating procedures for body jewellery
 - general hygiene
 - wearing loose clothing during healing
 - avoiding spas.
- Product recommendations*** may include:
- saline solution
 - antiseptics.

Unit Sector(s)

Beauty

Competency field

Skin Services