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SHBBSKS008 Provide upper body piercings

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Modification History

Supersedes and is not equivalent to SHBBSKS004 Provide upper body piercings.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to provide upper body piercing services.

It requires the ability to consult with clients, select tool and jewellery to safely pierce nose, ear cartilage and navel. Upper body piercing service can be provided for a single or multiple area piercings.

This unit applies to beauty therapists who work in beauty salons. In this environment they are part of a team but make independent treatment decisions; demonstrate sensitivity, maturity and confidentiality in their client interactions; and have knowledge across a range of piercing techniques and products. They provide the service within skin penetration guidelines.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State or Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.

No occupational licensing, certification or specific legislative requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Unit Code	Unit Title
SHBBINF002	Maintain infection control standards

Competency Field

Skin Services

Unit Sector

Beauty

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>

1. Prepare for treatment.
 - 1.1. Access and review client treatment plan if available.
 - 1.2. Check readiness of treatment area and availability of equipment.
 - 1.3. Use energy, water and other resources efficiently during preparation and subsequent treatment process.
2. Confirm client requirements.
 - 2.1. Confirm with client piercing requirements and assess areas requiring treatment.
 - 2.2. Obtain proof of age, or informed and signed parent or guardian consent for minors as required.
 - 2.3. Identify and explain contraindications to piercing service, and refer client to appropriate professional as required.
 - 2.4. Explain treatment sequence and factors that may restrict treatment.
 - 2.5. Measure treatment site to determine gauge and size of jewellery.
 - 2.6. Confirm jewellery size and style and revised treatment plan, record updates and obtain signed client consent.
3. Provide piercing.
 - 3.1. Prepare client, and select piercing equipment and products.
 - 3.2. Prepare and present self, according to organisational policy.
 - 3.3. Apply health, hygiene and infection control and skin penetration procedures throughout service.
 - 3.4. Position client and self to allow for easy access to treatment site and minimise risk of injury.
 - 3.5. Cleanse and disinfect treatment site and mark-up for piercing.
 - 3.6. Confirm placement with client.
 - 3.7. Perform piercing in accordance with skin penetration legislation, manufacturer instructions and treatment plan.
 - 3.8. Identify and manage adverse effects.
4. Review treatment and provide post treatment advice.
 - 4.1. Evaluate piercings with client.
 - 4.2. Record outcomes of piercing treatment on client treatment plan.
 - 4.3. Provide aftercare advice and recommend products and future treatments.

5. Clean treatment area.
 - 5.1. Clean treatment surfaces and equipment according to organisational policies and procedures and relevant skin penetration regulations.
 - 5.2. Dispose of single use equipment according to organisational safety policy.
 - 5.3. Sterilise reusable piercing equipment.
 - 5.4. Restock equipment and products in preparation for next treatment.
 - 5.5. Dispose general and any hazardous waste to minimise negative environmental impacts and according to organisational policies and procedures.

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance in this unit, but not explicit in the performance criteria are listed here, along with a brief context statement.

SKILLS	DESCRIPTION
Reading skills to:	interpret, and follow manufacturer instructions and safety data sheets for safe use of cleaning and treatment products and equipment.
Numeracy skills to:	calculate treatment times, product quantities and price.
Problem-solving skills to:	identify issues and modify equipment and jewellery to minimise skin damage and client discomfort.
Self-management skills to:	maintain cultural sensitivity, maturity and confidentiality with clients.

Unit Mapping Information

Supersedes and is not equivalent to SHBBSKS004 Provide upper body piercings.

Links

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Assessment Requirements for SHBBSKS008 Provide upper body piercings

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Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:

- provide a total of five safe and appropriate upper body piercing services for clients including each of the following:
 - ala of nose
 - ear cartilage, any of:
 - antihelix
 - antitragus
 - daith
 - helix
 - tragus
 - navel
- design and record treatment plans for each client specifying details of:
 - aftercare advice
 - adverse reactions
 - client name and address
 - consent form
 - contraindications
 - follow up advice
 - treatment outcomes
 - piercing sites
 - procedure followed
 - type, size, metal and gauge of jewellery used
- for the above upper body piercing services demonstrate the following:
 - accurate advice on care of wound and maintenance of treatment site
 - consultation with client to confirm selection and placement of jewellery
 - strategies for reducing client discomfort
 - placement of jewellery according to client requirements
 - sterilisation of reusable upper body piercing equipment
 - selection and application of correct types, metals, sizes and gauges of body jewellery
- interact with and reassure client throughout the above treatments.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- state or territory and local health and hygiene and skin penetration regulatory guidelines relevant to providing upper body piercings
- legal responsibilities in relation to infection control, sterilising, registration or licensing of business and maintenance of premises
- infectious disease transmission routes and prevention of infection transmission as it relates to upper body piercing services
- infection control procedures and application of standard precautions as they apply to the provision of upper body piercing services
- organisational policies and procedures relevant to providing upper body piercing services:
 - client record management
 - equipment use and maintenance
 - incident reporting
 - personal hygiene and presentation
 - presentation of treatment area
 - skin penetration procedures
 - waste and hazardous substance disposal
 - work health and safety
- legal and insurance liabilities and responsibilities regarding upper body piercing
- scope of practice:
 - when to refer clients to other practitioners
 - importance of not stating a diagnosis of a contraindication
- cleaning, disinfection and sterilisation principles and procedures
- procedures for responding to spills and sharps injury
- advantages of single use disposable equipment
- manufacturer instructions for cleaning, disinfecting and sterilising equipment and products
- workplace equipment and product range
- anatomy and physiology of the skin and skin structures as they relate to ala of nose, ear cartilage and navel:
 - effects of upper body piercing on physical structure of the skin
 - microscopic anatomy of the epidermis, dermis and hypodermis
 - normal skin response to irritation and trauma
 - origin and evolution of hypertrophic and keloid scars and abnormal scar tissue
 - wound healing
- areas of body requiring special treatment:
 - blood supply areas
 - cartilage
 - nerves
 - soft tissue

- contraindications that prevent or restrict upper body piercing treatments or require referral to a medical professional and relationship to upper body piercing:
 - bacterial, fungal, parasitic and viral infections
 - clients under influence of alcohol or drugs
 - hypertrophic and keloid scarring tendency
 - non-normal skin
 - scar tissue and lesions
 - skin trauma
- adverse effects of upper body piercing treatments and required actions:
 - bleeding
 - fainting
 - hypertrophic and keloid scarring
 - infection
 - inflammation
- care and maintenance procedures for recently pierced sites and jewellery
- process, forms and requirements for informed parental consent for minors
- sustainable operating procedures for the conservation of product, water and power
- aftercare advice and products to care for upper body piercings.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in a beauty services industry environment; this can be:

- a beauty industry workplace or
- a simulated beauty workplace set up for the purpose of skills assessment, that provides services to paying members of the public.

Assessment must ensure access to:

- paying clients with upper body piercing requirements, who have the expectation that the services provided reflect those of a commercial business
- hand washing facilities:
 - basin
 - hot and cold running water
 - liquid soap
 - single use towels or hand dryer
- relevant workplace documentation:
 - blank client records
 - policies and procedures relevant to upper body piercing services
 - equipment instructions
 - product instructions and safety data sheets.

Assessment must ensure use of:

- a range of body jewellery in sterile packaging

- antiseptic and home-care products for care of wound
- autoclave equipment, packaging and documentation
- sharps container
- body piercing equipment:
 - autoclave
 - ball holding tweezers
 - callipers
 - forceps
 - iris scissors
 - needle acceptor tubes
 - needles
 - ring opening and closing pliers
- cleaning and disinfection products and equipment
- individual work station:
 - adjustable treatment table with safe operator access at head, foot and both sides
 - individual electricity supply
 - magnifying lamp
- personal protective equipment:
 - disposable gloves
 - goggles
- products:
 - aftercare
 - antiseptic
 - skin cleansing
 - swabs
- sterile, single use disinfecting skin swabs
- sterilised equipment
- surgical marking pen
- single use covers for treatment beds.

Assessment activities that allow the individual to:

- complete upper body piercing within commercially realistic speed, timing and productivity
- demonstrate competency in an environment reflective of real work situations
- manage tasks and contingencies in the context of the job role.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors and:

- have worked for at least three years where they have applied the skills and knowledge of this unit of competency.

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