



New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy (Level 5)

Location

Dunedin

Duration

One year full-time; part-time not available

Delivery

On campus

Credits

120

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120

Intakes

February

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Until start date

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Take your beauty skills to the next level with this advanced, practical programme.

Graduates of this Diploma could find employment as a Beauty Therapist, Spa Therapist, Skin Therapist, Electrologist, Resort Therapist working on a cruise liner or

could work within beauty retail. Alternatively, you could establish and run your own beauty therapy business.

During this programme, you will learn how to apply advanced skincare techniques, advanced hair removal techniques and be introduced to spa body treatments.

Practical, hands-on learning in our purpose-built, clinic setting will enable you to gain experience and confidence.

Entry requirements

- [New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy \(Level 4\)](#) or equivalent skills and knowledge, experience or qualification.
- A First Aid Certificate (US 6400, 6401 and 6402, or equivalent).
- If English is not your first language, you must provide:
 - New Zealand University Entrance OR
 - Overall Academic IELTS 5.5 with no individual band score lower than 5.0 (achieved in one test completed in the last two years), OR
 - Acceptable alternative evidence of the required IELTS ([see here for NZQA proficiency table](#) and [here for list of recognised proficiency tests](#)).

If you need to improve your English Language skills, we offer a [wide range of English programmes](#).

Please note: This programme contains an additional International Therapy Examination Council (ITEC) component. You must be 18 years or older to complete this part of the programme. For applicants under 18, you can complete the programme without this component.

Additional documentation

You must supply certified copies of proof of identity and proof of residency (where appropriate).

Selection criteria

Applicants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis until the programme has reached full capacity.

Additional costs

You will be required to wear a uniform that consists of black trousers, black shoes and a black top.

You will study

Beauty Therapy Science (15 credits)

- Further anatomy and physiology study, along with an introduction to basic

cosmetic chemistry

Advanced Hair Removal (20 credits)

- Techniques and trends including electrical epilation

Electrical Facial Therapy (15 credits)

- Applying practical techniques suitable for client's needs whilst learning about current trends in relation to the industry

Advanced Skin Care (20 credits)

- Applying practical techniques suitable for client's needs whilst learning about current trends in relation to the industry

Electrical Body Therapy (20 credits)

- Learning to apply these to meet the client's needs

Spa and Massage Therapy (10 credits)

- Learning to apply these to meet the client's needs

Applied Beauty Therapy Practice (Clinic) (20 credits)

- Be introduced to business management and apply all the techniques covered during the programme in a simulated salon environment.

Your workload

This full-time programme will involve approximately 18 hours in class and 18 hours in self-directed study per week.

Further study options

Further training pathways could be in specific skin therapies, aromatherapy, advanced massage techniques and business management.

Useful resources/links

- <https://www.beautynz.org.nz/education/>

Student loans and allowances

Full-time **domestic students** of this programme are eligible for student loans and allowances (dependent on age and financial circumstances). Please visit the [Studylink website](#) for more information or phone 0800 88 99 00. It is important to apply for your student loan/allowance at the same time as you apply for this programme, due to the length of time Studylink take to process. Loan/allowance applications can be cancelled at any time if you decide to withdraw your programme application or if it is unsuccessful.

Intakes:

Course	Description	Dates
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