

VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 4 Diploma in Laser and Intense Pulsed Light Treatments QAN 500/1212/5 Specification

Aims and Objectives

The main aim of the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 4 Diploma in Laser and Intense Pulsed Light Treatments is to enable learners to gain the necessary practical and theoretical skills in order to provide Laser and Pulsed Light Treatments to the general public and to gain employment in the Beauty Therapy Industry. This qualification is suitable for Learners aged 16 and over and is designed to provide occupational competence at Level 4. It also provides a sound platform into further training at Level 4

Content

This qualification is for Learners who want to work within the Beauty Therapy Industry. The qualification consists of 1 mandatory unit with a total of 200 hours of Guided Learning (GL) to achieve the full qualification

The main skills the Learner will perform are:

- Laser and Intense Pulsed Light treatment – to include consultation, skin and hair analysis, (Fitzpatrick scale), recognising contraindications and contra-actions, carrying out relevant tests prior to treatment and adapting the treatment to the client's needs

The Learner will also learn about related health and safety and client care and communication which is essential in order to work and be successful in the Industry

This qualification also provides:

- The related knowledge and understanding required to perform Laser and Intense Pulsed Light Treatments listed above effectively in particular the anatomy and physiology of the skin and hair and common diseases and disorders that may affect when a client should or should not receive treatment
- Opportunities for Learners to focus on the development of their wider skills in a Laser and Intense Pulsed Light setting, such as communicating with clients, working with others and problem solving
- Opportunities for Learners to develop a range of skills, techniques, personal qualities and attitudes essential for successful performance in employment as a Laser and IPL Therapist

Why Choose the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 4 Diploma in Laser and Intense Pulsed Light Treatments?

1. This Qualification combines the full range of skills and knowledge for the Learner seeking employment or self-employment as a Laser and IPL Therapist at Level 4
2. This Qualification is listed in the Ofqual Register of Qualifications
3. This Qualification contains all the skills and knowledge required for employability at Level 4
4. Learners may progress on to qualifications at Level 4 such as the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 4 Diploma in Advanced Skincare and the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 4 Diploma in Spa and Salon Management
5. This qualification does not form part of an Apprenticeship
6. This qualification is recognised by all relevant professional bodies within the Beauty Therapy and Spa Industry for membership and insurance purposes at Level 4

Unit Number	Unit Title	Guided Learning (GL)
48	Laser and Intense Pulsed Light Treatments	200

Total Guided Learning – 200

Total Qualification Time (TQT) - 370

Guided Learning (GL)

Guided Learning is 'the activity of a Learner in being taught or instructed by – or otherwise participating in education or training under the immediate guidance or supervision of – a Lecturer, Supervisor, Tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training.' This includes 'the activity of being assessed if the assessment takes place under the immediate guidance or supervision of a Lecturer, Supervisor, Tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training'

Total Qualification Time (TQT)

Total Qualification Time is the number of notional hours which represents an estimate of the total amount of time that could reasonably be expected to be required, in order for a Learner to achieve and demonstrate the achievement of the level of attainment necessary for the award of the qualification

Assessment

This qualification will be internally and externally assessed using a range of assessment methods as set out in the Table below:-

Table 1

Unit Number	Unit Title	Assessment	Grading
48	Laser and Intense Pulsed Light Treatment	Practical examination	Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100%
		Evidence of treating 10 clients	Pass or Refer
		plus 50 MCQ Paper or online	Pass 60% - 74% Merit 75% - 89% Distinction 90% - 100%

All assessment criteria and sample assessment materials for this qualification can be found on the VTCT Skills.

Grading of the Qualification

All assessment tasks required for each unit of the qualification (detailed in Table 1 of the specification) must be completed and awarded a Pass mark before the complete qualification can be certificated.

The overall qualification is graded, Pass - 60% - 74%, Merit - 75% - 89%, Distinction – 90%-100%. This is formed by the aggregate of the multiple-choice questions and the Final Practical Assessment.

Controlled Assessment

All theory tests must be conducted in a controlled environment and follow the procedures defined by VTCT Skills. The theory tests will be set and marked by VTCT Skills.

All practical assessments must be conducted in a controlled environment as defined by VTCT Skills. The practical examination will be conducted by an VTCT Skills Examiner; however, the Centre is responsible for ensuring the examination can operate seamlessly by organising the process as defined by VTCT Skills in the Lecturer Guidance Notes. The marking criteria and marking scheme can be found under each individual unit within the qualification. How to operate a practical examination can be found on the VTCT Skills website.

Failure to operate VTCT Skills Examinations as documented in the VTCT Skills policies and guidance notes may result in sanction(s) against the Centre e.g., withdrawal by VTCT Skills for a particular qualification and/or withdrawal of VTCT Skills recognition from the Centre due to Maladministration and/or Malpractice. Please see our policy on the VTCT Skills website.

Recommended Prior Learning

It is recommended that Learners should have achieved a level of education equivalent to five GCSEs at grade A*-C and must hold the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 2 Diploma for Beauty Specialists or equivalent prior to commencing the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 4 Diploma in Laser and Intense Pulsed Light Treatments; however, exemptions may be made for adult returners with experience of the workplace.

Opportunities for Progression

Once Learners have achieved the VTCT Skills (ITEC) Level 4 Diploma in Laser and Intense Pulsed Light Treatments they may progress on to other VTCT Skills or equivalent qualifications at Level 4, for example:

- Level 4 Diploma in Advanced Skincare
- Level 4 Diploma in Spa and Management
- Level 4 Certificate in Micro-Pigmentation

For further Awards, Certificates and Diplomas please go to www.vtctskills.org.uk

Opportunities for Employment

There are opportunities for Laser and IPL Therapists to find employment in a variety of areas:

- Beauty salons
- Hotels
- Health clubs
- Spas
- Own business

Relationship to National Occupational Standards

VTCT Skills has mapped to National Occupational Standards where they exist and has ensured that best practice in the workplace has been reflected in the qualification. VTCT Skills has linked the qualification to the relative job roles as well as ensuring that the qualification reflects the required level of knowledge and ability for the Laser and ILP Therapist at Level 4

Professional Body Membership and Insurance

Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance can be obtained where applicable via The Complementary Therapist Association (www.CThA.com) and other Industry Associations who recognise the VTCT Skills Diploma