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Consult, create, apply, remove and maintain wigs, hairpieces and extensions to enhance a person's appearance



Overview

This standard is about your ability to implement various methods and techniques to enhance a person's appearance using wigs, hair pieces, and hair extensions following a thorough consultation. This includes the creation of wigs, hairpieces and extensions. You will be required to understand the different application and maintenance methods based on the desired result. It covers using tools and equipment to cut, set and dress wigs, hair pieces and extensions to achieve the required effect. This standard is applicable for all roles and requires prior training in hairdressing.

The selection of wigs, hairpieces and hair extensions that could be used whilst having regard for the following:

- Skin
- Head and face shape
- Type of hair loss
- Health
- Lifestyle
- Potential effects on wigs and hair pieces caused by environmental conditions
- Cutting techniques required
- The effect of styling and finishing products upon wigs, hairpieces and extensions

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. Carry out a concise and comprehensive consultation with the individual
2. Maintain your responsibilities for health and safety in accordance with legislation, regulations, directives and guidelines
3. Discuss and establish the individual's objectives and desired outcomes
4. work in accordance with the type of hair loss and budgetary constraints of the client
5. test client' skin for potential adverse reactions to adhesives, removers and wig hair
6. take action if the adhesive causes harmful skin reactions
7. produce a woven weft of hair on a weaving frame
8. Produce a final finished hair addition
9. Produce postiche using a hair knotting technique
10. ensure the appropriate wig, hair piece or extension
11. inform clients of the process to fit wigs, hair pieces, hair weaves and hair extensions
12. confirm the complexion and hair colouring of the client as necessary
13. place clients in a comfortable position for wig, hair piece and hair extension application that minimises disruption to others
14. create the wigs and hairpieces and extensions that you will use to meet the needs of the client
15. consider the techniques required and the effects of styling and finishing products upon wigs, hair pieces and hair extensions
16. select the types of hair materials and adhesives to fit wigs and hair pieces having considered potential adverse skin effects and the required mobility and security of wigs and hairpieces
17. use the correct methods, tools and materials to clean, dry, cut and set wigs, laces and hair pieces prior to dressing
18. block or position wigs and hair pieces to meet the design requirements and the type of wig and hair piece used
19. ensure that wigs and hair pieces are removed following guidelines
20. document all necessary information regarding wigs and hairpieces
21. apply hair extensions taking into account the type of extensions used and the condition of the client's hair type
22. remove hair extensions following guidelines

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23. maintain tools and equipment used

24. clean and store wigs, hair pieces, hair weaves and hair extensions correctly to ensure longevity

25. follow health and safety policies and guidelines are when working

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the requirements of the design brief, including the face and head shape of the client
2. the criteria to consider when creating wigs and hair pieces. To focus on the following;
 - Switches
 - Facial hair
 - Wigs
 - Knotting
3. how to complete skin tests and what action to take in the event of an adverse skin reaction
4. time and budgetary constraints to consider when preparing to fit wigs and hair
5. the fitting process of wigs, hair pieces and hair extensions
6. how to access information to confirm the complexion and hair colouring of the client
7. how to record information taken in a fitting
8. how to source and liaise with wig and hair pieces suppliers
9. the criteria to consider when selecting hair materials and adhesives
10. the required mobility and security of wigs, hair pieces and extensions
11. how to clean the lace and wash the wig, hair piece or hair extension
12. the difference in approach to styling and maintenance of artificial and human hair
13. the different cutting techniques required for artificial and human hair
14. how to block or position wigs and hair pieces to meet the design requirements
15. how to dress wigs and hair pieces to meet the design requirements
16. how to use a wig oven
17. where and how to store and clean wigs, hair pieces and hair extensions

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18. the factors to consider when selecting hair extensions, including the weight of the extensions and how much of the clients hair will be visible
19. how using hair extensions will affect the condition of the client's original hair and how this affects the materials and methods you choose

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- 20. the methods and techniques for applying hair extensions
- 21. how to remove hair extensions safely and carefully
- 22. how to maintain tools and equipment
- 23. the health and safety legislation, policies and guidelines that apply to working with wigs, hair pieces, hair weaves, hair extensions and cutting techniques

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Consult, create, apply, maintain remove and clean wigs, hair pieces, hair weaves and hair extensions to change the client's appearance



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