New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy (Level 5)

Intakes
22/02/2027 (New Plymouth)

Duration
1 year full-time or part-time equivalent

Domestic Fees
$8,556.00

International Fees
$23,942.00*

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Build on your existing skills and learn the latest advanced beauty therapy techniques including lash lifting, lash extensions, microdermabrasion, body machinery, facial peels, advanced massage techniques and more. You will also be able to undertake CIDESCO qualifications (optional).

Classes are taught three days a week on campus (one late night per week to be scheduled throughout the year).

Beauty therapy graduates are in demand and you can expect to gain work in a salon or be able to work independently.

The programme includes

- Lash lifting
- Lash extensions
- Microdermabrasion
- Body machinery
- Facial peels
- Hot stone massage
- Brazilian waxing

Graduates will be able to:

- implement professional standards and expectations relating to advanced beauty services including all relevant health, safety and hygiene obligations.
- undertake an in-depth consultation and build rapport with clients to analyse and evaluate their needs, and develop and manage a treatment plan for advanced beauty services.
- apply knowledge of advanced skin care, body therapy and hair removal services as well as products and related skills, to meet client's needs during and after treatment, in accordance with industry standards and current and emerging trends.
- apply knowledge of relevant aspects of chemistry, physics and biology in an advanced beauty services context to provide effective services and ensure client comfort and safety.
- manage the operation of a small beauty sector business or client base.
- apply knowledge of skin and body diseases and disorders in order to identify symptoms, provide information and advice, and refer clients to health practitioners in accordance with industry standards relating to scope of practice.
- provide nutritional advice which is complementary to advanced beauty services.

Courses

DBT5.001

Health and Safety

Manage first aid in an emergency situation, workplace health and safety and personal hygiene

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DBT5.002

Applied Salon Management

Client consultation, business management, advanced beauty services, physical and ethical management

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DBT5.003

Advanced Facial Therapy

Advanced skin care services and products, emerging trends and electrical facial therapy

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DBT5.004

Body Therapy

Electrical body therapy, full body massage and body exfoliation and wraps

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DBT5.005

Electrolysis

Advance hair removal and products, electrolysis

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Anatomy and Physiology

Chemistry, physics and biology, skin and body diseases and disorders, client referrals, information and advice

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DBT5.007

Nutrition

Nutritional advice and supplement recommendations

Additional Qualifications

International CIDESCO Beauty Therapy Diploma

CIDESCO THE WORLD STANDARD FOR BEAUTY & SPA THERAPY

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To be eligible to sit the CIDESCO Beauty Therapy Diploma, students will be required to complete the qualifying practical and theoretical assessments in the New Zealand Diploma in Beauty Therapy.

To be awarded the CIDESCO Beauty Therapy Diploma for which an additional fee must be paid, students must complete a minimum of 1200 hours of practical and theoretical training at the training provider.

This is to be followed by at least 600 hours of practical work in a beauty salon at the completion of the programme, making a total of at least 1800 hours.

The CIDESCO examination consists of the following elements:

- Practical facial examination
- Body examination
- Waxing examination
- Projects (with case studies) To consist of at least 2500 words but not more than 4000 words on a subject relevant to beauty therapy.
- Theoretical multi-choice examination

In addition to the above, the student also has the option of:

International CIDESCO Post Graduate Electrical Epilation (Electrolysis) Diploma

The CIDESCO Post Graduate Electrical Epilation Diploma is available only to candidates who have taken the CIDE SCO Beauty Therapy Diploma.

An additional fee must be paid, students must complete the following elements:

- Practical electrical epilation examination
- Theoretical multi-choice examination
- Case Histories (total 36 treatments)

Programme specific information

Entry Requirements

- New Zealand Certificate in Beauty Therapy (Level 4); or
- Equivalent knowledge, skills, work experience or study.

Any applicants whose first language is not English may be required to provide evidence of an overall IELTS (Academic) band score of 5 (with no score below 5 in speaking, reading, writing and listening) or equivalent.

Class times

Programme is delivered three days per week including one late night per week

Assessments

This programme includes competency-based assignments, theory tests and practical assessments

Work Experience

This programme has no requirement for work experience, but students are recommended to undertake work experience to enhance their formal

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Employment pathway

Graduates of this qualification may be employed, contracted or self-employed, in positions such as:

- Beauty Therapist
- Salon Manager/owner
- Product Company Representative
- Brand Manager
- Account Manager

International Scholarships

Please see here for information regarding international scholarships.

Additional Course Related Costs

- Laptop
- Advanced beauty kit $300 - purchased at WITT
- Beauty tunic and pants - $130 (if student is new to WITT)
- Uniform/ Personal presentation - Approx. $200 (includes shoes, makeup and hair products). Black cardigan optional (if student is new to WITT)
- Uniform T-shirts optional at a cost of $30
- Stationery - $100 approx
- **Reassessment/Resubmission Fee: At least $10 per performance criteria to a max of $50

*International Fee Exclusions

International fees displayed are for 1 year of study (equivalent to 120 credits); OR as specified for the duration of the programme of study, and do not include the below;

- Travel and Medical Insurance – NZ $800 per year (provided by UniCare NZ)
- Compulsory Student Services Fee (CSSF) – NZ $320 per 120 credits

International fees may increase in each new academic year. Any increase in the fees is required to be paid in full before a student is enrolled and allowed to attend class.

Post Study Work Visa Eligibility

International graduates may be eligible for an open Post Study Work Visa.

https://www.witt.ac.nz/international-students/post-study-work-visa-eligibility

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