National Cosmetology Practical Examination is the licensure examination for Cosmetologists, which is developed by the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC).

This bulletin contains IMPORTANT INFORMATION regarding the NIC National Cosmetology Practical Examination content and administration for Cosmetology core services and additional section.

For each NIC National Practical Examination, there are TWO (2) parts to every Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) stored as separate documents:

- **Examination Content and Important Instructions** – This document provides information about the scope of content covered in the Practical examination and information and guidelines related to administration of the Practical examination.
- **References** – This document provides a list of references used to develop and support the content covered in NIC examinations.
  
  The references will always be the same for both Theory and Practical examinations.

BE CERTAIN TO DOWNLOAD AND/OR PRINT, AND REVIEW BOTH DOCUMENTS THAT MAKE UP THE NIC EXAMINATION CIB.

PLEASE REVIEW ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY!

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

- Do not leave the examination area without permission. Permission must be obtained to leave the examination area for any reason, including restroom usage or at the completion of the examination. **Picture ID is required for re-entry into examination.**
- Candidates are required to bring a kit for their own use.
  - It is the candidate’s responsibility to make certain they have a sufficient quantity of supplies that have been properly cleaned and disinfected and that implements are in proper working order.
  - The kit will be used during the examination as dry storage and is considered part of the work area. The kit must be kept closed (e.g., completely zipped or lid tightly closed) except when removing materials for a particular service.
  - Candidates may remove items, supplies, etc., from the kit at any time, however nothing may be returned to the kit.
  - All examinations are administered in a testing environment.
  - Candidates are evaluated at all times. Continue working until you have completed the entire section or time has elapsed.
Due to standardization of the NIC National Examinations, proctors and examiners are required to adhere to the following standards:

- The verbal instructions will be read twice for each section of the examination.
- With the exception of verbal instructions, the proctors are not allowed to communicate with candidates. Candidates requesting information during the examination will be told one of the following statements:
  - “Do the best you can with what you have available.”
  - “Do as you were taught.”
- Examiners are not allowed to speak with candidates.
- If you experience an emergency situation, please notify the proctor by raising your hand.

Candidates will be given time to set up the universal (also known as general) supplies they will use throughout the examination.

Each section of the examination has a maximum time allowance, with the exception of those specified as untimed sections.

- Once you have completed all tasks in the section please step back or turn the hand toward the examiner (in the case of nail services) to indicate that you are finished.
- In the event that all candidates complete the section before the time has elapsed, the examiners will proceed to the next section of the examination.
- If the timer goes off, you must stop working and step back or turn the hand toward the examiner (in the case of nail services) IMMEDIATELY.

During all phases of the examination, candidates must follow all appropriate public protection and infection control procedures and maintain a safe work area.

- In the event of a blood exposure incident, candidates will be expected to follow the NIC Health and Safety Standards. Failure to do so may result in your dismissal from the examination.
  - Be sure to contact your examination provider to obtain the most current version of, and any addendums, to the NIC Health and Safety standards, OR go to the official NIC webpage for a current downloadable copy.
  - If a candidate does not follow infection control procedures or allows the work area to become and remain unsafe, the result may be a failing score for the examination.

The following provides examples of materials and actions that are prohibited during the examination administration:

- Possession of cellular phones, pagers, tablets, computers, projectors, cameras, or any other electronic or recording devices, printed materials, or handwritten notes.
- Purses, bags, coats, hats, and any other personal items not directly needed to complete the examination, are not allowed.
- Exhibiting disruptive behavior.
- Communicating to other candidates or any examiner.

The above referenced items or actions are not an exhaustive list. Failure to comply with any of these conditions or exhibiting ANY behavior that suggests an effort to cheat will result in your immediate dismissal from the examination and your actions reported to the proper authorities.
• **All supplies must be labeled in English.** When an original manufacturer's label is required, there can be NO handwritten or any other type of labeling. Original manufacturers’ labels must have English and may also include other languages. All non-manufacturers, created labels must be in English only.
  - Original manufacturer’s labels are *required* for certain products such as disinfectants and hand sanitizers.
  - An EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant that demonstrates bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal properties must be used.
    Please refer to the “Suggested Examination Supplies” section to see any further specific requirements for supplies and products.
  - Simulated products are **NOT** allowed for disinfectants and hand sanitizers.
  - NO aerosols are allowed in the testing environment.
  - Candidates are to perform all tasks, utilizing products and supplies, and as they were taught. There is however, a section titled “Suggested Examination Supplies” provided following the “Content Domains” section of this bulletin for items that a candidate may *possibly* utilize in a section.

### NIC MODEL OR MANNEQUIN REQUIREMENTS

Depending on your state requirement, candidates will either use a mannequin hand, mannequin head, or live model for the examination.

*Please refer to your state or examination vendor guidelines for model and mannequin requirements.*

**If your state requires that you use a mannequin head(s) or hand(s):**
If you are required to use a mannequin head(s), it is the candidate’s responsibility to come prepared for the examination.

*Mannequin heads that are premarked or presectioned are NOT allowed for any part of the practical examination.*
If you are required to use a mannequin hand(s), it is the candidate’s responsibility to come prepared for the examination.

*Mannequin hands must be an entire hand and cannot have removable digits.*

Mannequin heads and hands must be approved by the examination provider prior to admittance into examination.

**If your state requires that you use a live model:**
- Models must be at least 15 years of age and cannot be licensed or a student studying in this field.
- Any individual who has received training for or participated in the development or administration of any cosmetology, barbering, or related professions is prohibited from serving as a model.
- Models must be present with the candidate at the beginning of the practical examination.
- The model must present a valid driver’s license or State ID card for admittance to the examination.
• The model must be appropriate for examination purposes.
• The model must agree to submit to all areas/sections of the practical examination.
• Models are not permitted to communicate with or assist the candidate during the examination. The models may not communicate with the examiner or proctor during the examination.

SPECIAL ATTENTION
The following information is vital and specific to the NIC National Cosmetology Practical Examination:

• Candidates will be evaluated on proper designation of materials that are disposed. You are required to bring and use the following supplies for the appropriate disposal of materials:
  o Container labeled “to be disinfected”
  o Container labeled “soiled linens”
  o Container labeled “trash”
• It is specified that there is more than one client represented for the purpose of this examination. A new client is introduced and must be prepared for during the course of the examination (see Cosmetology Practical Examination Content Domains Sections).
• The following sections are new to the Cosmetology Practical Examination:
  o Predisposition Test and Strand Test with Simulated Product (Content Domain Section 9)
  o Highlighting with Foil, Virgin Application with Colored Simulated Product (Content Domain Section 10)
  o Blood Exposure Procedure (Content Domain Section 13)
  o +Nail Tip Application and Blending (Content Domain Section 16, Additional Section)
  o +Hair Removal of the Upper Lip Using Hard Wax (Content Domain Section 21, Additional Section)
  o +Facial Makeup Application (Content Domain Section 22, Additional Section)
Candidates are expected to brace any time they are working around the eye and mouth areas.
• Candidates are not allowed to label products as single-use items.
• Use of single-use products may result in a failing score for the examination.
COSMETOLOGY PRACTICAL EXAMINATION
CONTENT DOMAIN SECTIONS

The scope of the National Cosmetology Practical Examination includes 10 (ten) core domain services. The Core Domain Sections are based on the national job analysis and are noted in bold.

1. Work Area and Client Preparation, and Set Up of Supplies
   (First client 15 minutes)
2. + Blow Dry Styling (10 minutes)
3. Thermal Curling (10 minutes)
4. Haircutting (30 minutes)
5. +Roller Placement (10 minutes)
6. + Fingerwaving and Pin Curl Placement – Skip Wave (10 minutes)
7. Work Area and New Client Preparation, and Set Up of Supplies
   (Second client 15 minutes)
8. Chemical Waving (20 minutes)
9. Predisposition Test and Strand Test with Simulated Product (Untimed)
10. Highlighting with Foil, Virgin Application with Colored Simulated Product
    (15 minutes)
11. Hair Color Retouch with Colored Simulated Product (10 minutes)
12. Virgin Hair Relaxer Application with Colored Simulated Product (Untimed)
13. Blood Exposure Procedure (Untimed)
14. + Work Area and New Client Preparation, and Set Up of Supplies
    (Additional nail technology services client 15 minutes)
15. + Manicure and Polish Application (20 minutes)
16. + Nail Tip Application and Blending (20 minutes)
17. +Sculptured Nail (20 minutes)
18. +Work Area and New Client Preparation, and Set Up of Supplies
    (Additional esthetic services client 15 minutes)
19. +Basic Facial (20 minutes)
20. +Hair Removal of the Eyebrows by Tweezing and Using Simulated Soft Wax
    (Untimed)
21. +Hair Removal of the Upper Lip Using Hard Wax+ (Untimed)
22. +Facial Makeup Application(20 minutes)

+Denotes Additional Sections for States that elect to test this/these sections. Confirm State requirement. Administration of any of these sections must be performed in the numerical order outlined.
1. WORK AREA AND CLIENT PREPARATION, AND SET UP OF SUPPLIES (15 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will prepare your work area for your client.”
“You will set up the universal supplies you will use throughout the examination.”
“You will also set up the supplies for the following sections of the examination:
+ Blow Dry
+ Thermal Curling,
+ Haircutting,
+ Roller Placement,
+ Fingerwaving and Pin Curl Placement - Skip Wave
Plug your curling iron in at this time.” *Please check with your state or vendor for curling iron requirements.
“You will also prepare your client for services.”
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”
“You will have 15 minutes to complete this section.”
“You will be informed when you have 8 minutes remaining.”
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”
(2) “You may begin.”

+Denotes Additional Sections for States that elect to test this/these sections. Confirm your state requirement. Administration of any of these sections must be done in the order outlined.

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

1.1 Disinfects all work areas completely with product labeled in English (manufacturer’s label) as EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant
1.2 Sanitizes hands with product labeled in English (manufacturer’s label)
1.3 Universal supplies are labeled in English (If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language. Any other created label must be only English.)
1.4 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section
NIC Cosmetology Practical Examination – Work area and client preparation and setup of supplies (continued)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
“Please stop working.”

2. BLOW DRY STYLING (10 minutes)
+ADDITIONAL SECTION+

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will perform blow dry styling.”
“You will blow dry only the top and one side of the head using a brush.”
“The hair must be wet.”
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”
“You will have 10 minutes to complete this section.”
“You will be informed when you have 5 minutes remaining.”
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”
(2) “You may begin.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

2.1 Blow dry styling supplies are labeled in English (If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language, any other created label must be only English)
2.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
2.3 Uses blow dryer safely
2.4 Controls hair with brush
2.5 Final result of blow dry styling
2.6 Maintains drape throughout section
2.7 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section
3. THERMAL CURLING (10 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:  
“You will perform thermal curling.”  
“You will form two curls on the top of the head and two curls on one side of the head.”  
“A complete curl must be formed from base to end.”  
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”  
“You will have 10 minutes to complete this section.”  
“You will be informed when you have 5 minutes remaining.”  
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”  
(2) “You may begin.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

3.1 Thermal curling supplies are labeled in English (If original manufacturer's label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language, any other created label must be only English)

3.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean

3.3 Tests temperature of iron

3.4 Subsections hair for thermal curling

3.5 Uses iron safely

3.6 Final appearance of four curls

3.7 Maintains drape throughout section

3.8 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section
4. HAIRCUTTING (30 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will perform a haircut.”
“You will complete a basic layered haircut using razor and shears.”
“You will cut at least 1 inch of hair throughout the haircut.”
“Do not remove your hair clippings from your work area until you are instructed individually by the examiner to do so.”
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”
“You will have 30 minutes to complete this section.”
“You will be informed when you have 15 minutes remaining.”
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”
(2) “You may begin.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

4.1 Hair cutting supplies are labeled in English (If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language, any other created label must be only English)
4.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
4.3 Uses razor safely
4.4 Uses shears safely

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before the timing has elapsed:
“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
“Please stop working. Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”
Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Examiner will perform a check individually once ALL candidates in the room have Completed the haircut or timing has elapsed: “May I please use your comb to check the haircut?”

4.5 Cuts entire nape line to a uniform length
4.6 Cuts sides uniform in length
4.7 Blends haircut

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually after assessment:
“Please clean up your hair at this time. Upon completion, please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

4.8 Removes hair from work area
4.9 Maintains drape throughout section
4.10 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidates when all examiners have indicated they have completed their assessment:
“All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed.”

5. ROLLER PLACEMENT (10 minutes)
+ ADDITIONAL SERVICE +

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will demonstrate roller placement.”
“You will place the first roller on base, the second roller half base and the third roller off base.”
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”
“You will have 10 minutes to complete this section.”
“You will be informed when you have 5 minutes remaining.”
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”
(2) “You may begin.”
Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

5.1 Roller placement supplies are labeled in English (If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language, any other created label must be only English)

5.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean

5.3 Subsections hair for roller placement

5.4 Wraps hair around rollers

5.5 Final appearance of rollers

5.6 Maintains drape throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:

“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:

“Please stop working.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:

“You will have 2 minutes to remove all rollers and brush the hair straight back.”

“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

5.7 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:

“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:

“Please stop working.”
6. FINGERWAVING AND PIN CURL PLACEMENT – SKIP WAVE (10 minutes)  
+ ADDITIONAL SERVICE +

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will perform a skip wave by using a combination of fingerwaving and pin curls.”
“You will part the hair off-center.”
“You will perform a skip wave with at least four pin curls on the heavy side of the part.”
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”
“You will have 10 minutes to complete this section.”
“You will be informed when you have 5 minutes remaining.”
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”
(2) “You may begin.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

6.1 Fingerwaving and pin curl supplies are labeled in English (If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language, any other created label must be only English)
6.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
6.3 Forms a ridge shaping
6.4 Creates pin curls
6.5 Final appearance of skip wave
6.6 Maintains drape throughout section
6.7 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
“Please stop working.”
7. WORK AREA AND NEW CLIENT PREPARATION, AND SET UP OF SUPPLIES (15 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“"You will breakdown your work area and dispose of supplies used in the previous sections of this examination."
"You will prepare your work area for a NEW client."
"You will set up the universal supplies you will use for the remainder of the examination."
"You will also set up the supplies for the following sections of the examination: Chemical Waving, Predisposition Test and Strand Test, Highlighting with Foil, Virgin Application, Hair Color Retouch, Virgin Hair Relaxer Application." "You will also prepare your client for chemical services."
"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures."
"You will have 15 minutes to complete this section."
"You will be informed when you have 8 minutes remaining."
"Do not demonstrate any procedures until the verbal instructions are given and you are instructed to begin."
"Step back to indicate you have finished."

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”
(2) “You may begin.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

7.1 Disinfects all work areas completely with product labeled in English (manufacturer’s label) as EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant
7.2 Sanitizes hands with product labeled in English (manufacturer’s label)
7.3 Universal supplies are labeled in English (If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language. Any other created label must be only English.)
7.4 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section
NIC Cosmetology Practical Examination – Work area and client preparation and setup of supplies (continued)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
“Please stop working.”

8. CHEMICAL WAVING (20 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will perform a chemical waving.”
“You will wrap the entire center back section of the head, from crown to nape.”
“Once you are finished wrapping, please step back and wait for the next verbal instructions to be given.”
“Do not perform the saturation procedure, a test curl, or remove a rod until instructed individually by the examiner to do so.”
“Do not remove the remaining rods until you are instructed to do so.”
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”
“You will have 20 minutes to complete this section.”
“You will be informed when you have 10 minutes remaining.”
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”
(2) “You may begin.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

8.1 Chemical waving supplies are labeled in English (If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language, any other created label must be only English)
8.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
8.3 Subsections hair for chemical waving service
8.4 Wraps hair
8.5 Correct rod placement used throughout entire section
NIC Cosmetology Practical Examination – Chemical Waving (continued)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section. Please wait until the next verbal instructions are given.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
“Please stop working. Please wait until the next verbal instructions are given.”

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Examiner will perform a check individually once ALL candidates in the room have completed chemical waving or timing has elapsed:
“Please demonstrate saturation”

8.6 Demonstrates saturation process

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually:
“Please demonstrate a test curl.”

8.7 Demonstrates test curl

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually:
“Please remove one rod from the hair.”

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Once rod is removed from the hair, read individually to candidate:
“Do not remove the remaining rods until instructed to do so.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read when all examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed:
"All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed."
“You will have 5 minutes to remove all remaining rods from the head and create 5 sections for the remaining chemical services.”
"Step back to indicate you have finished."

(1) “You may begin.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

8.8 Maintains drape throughout section
8.9 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section
9. PREDISPOSITION TEST AND STRAND TEST WITH SIMULATED PRODUCT (Untimed)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will perform the predisposition test and strand test for permanent hair color.”
"You will demonstrate the predisposition test behind the ear."
"You will demonstrate the strand test process on any single subsection of hair."
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”
"You will be instructed individually by the examiner to demonstrate the predisposition and strand test processes”
“This is an untimed section.”
“Do not begin to demonstrate until instructed individually by the examiner to do so.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

9.1 Predisposition and strand test supplies are labeled in English
(If original manufacturer's label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language. Any other created label must be only English)

9.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually:
“Please demonstrate the predisposition test

9.3 Demonstrates predisposition test with simulated product behind the ear

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually:
“Please demonstrate a strand test process”

9.4 Demonstrates strand test process with simulated product
Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidate individually after assessment: “Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

9.5 Maintains drape throughout section
9.6 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidates when all examiners have indicated they have completed their assessment: "All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed."

10. HIGHLIGHTING WITH FOIL, VIRGIN APPLICATION WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT (15 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will perform highlighting with foil, virgin application.”
“You will place four foils on the top of the head from the front hairline to the apex.”
“You will apply simulated highlighting product from upper edge of foils to hair ends.”
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”
“You will have 15 minutes to complete this section.”
“You will be informed when you have 8 minutes remaining.”
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”
(2) “You may begin.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

10.1 Highlighting with foil supplies are labeled in English (If original manufacturer's label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language, any other created label must be only English)
10.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
10.3 Subsections hair for highlighting with foils
10.4 Uses correct foil placement
**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:

“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section. Please wait until the next verbal instructions are given.”

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:

“Please stop working. Please wait until the next verbal instructions are given.”

10.5 Final result of simulated product application

**Examiner – Verbal Instructions:** Read to candidate individually after assessment:

“Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

10.6 Maintains drape throughout section

10.7 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to candidates when all examiners have indicated they have completed their assessment:

“All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed.”

### 11. HAIR COLOR RETOUCH WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT (10 minutes)

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates:

“You will perform a hair color retouch application.”

“You will apply simulated hair color product to one section of the back of the head.”

“The client has 1 inch of regrowth.”

“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”

“You will have 10 minutes to complete this section.”

“You will be informed when you have 5 minutes remaining.”

“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”

(2) “You may begin.”
Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

11.1 Hair color retouch supplies are labeled in English (If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language, any other created label must be only English)

11.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean

11.3 Subsections hair

11.4 Applies simulated hair color product

11.5 Final result of hair color retouch application

11.6 Maintains drape throughout section

11.7 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:

“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:

“Please stop working.”

12. VIRGIN HAIR RELAXER APPLICATION WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT (Untimed)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:

“You will perform a virgin hair relaxer application.”

“You will apply simulated relaxer product on a single subsection of hair.”

“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”

“You will be instructed individually by the examiner to demonstrate a virgin hair relaxer application”

“This is an untimed section.”

“Do not begin to demonstrate the virgin relaxer application until instructed individually by the examiner to do so.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”
Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

12.1 Virgin hair relaxer supplies are labeled in English (If original manufacturer's label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language, any other created label must be only English)

12.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually: “Please demonstrate a virgin relaxer application procedure.”

12.3 Subsections hair for relaxer application

12.4 Applies simulated relaxer product

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidate individually after assessment: “Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

12.5 Maintains drape throughout section

12.6 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidates when all examiners have indicated they have completed their assessment: "All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed."
13. BLOOD EXPOSURE PROCEDURE (Untimed)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will demonstrate the blood exposure procedure.”

“You will imagine the following scenario: During a service, you have sustained a minor cut to your index finger. The injury is such that you can continue with the service. Your work area or client has not been contaminated. You are expected to demonstrate the proper procedure for a blood exposure.”

“You are expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”

“Do not remove materials from your first aid kit until you are instructed by the examiner to begin the procedure.”

“You will be instructed individually by the examiner to demonstrate the blood exposure procedure.”

“This is an untimed section.”

“Do not begin to demonstrate the blood exposure until instructed individually by the examiner to do so.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually:
“Please demonstrate the blood exposure procedure for this scenario.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

13.1 Blood exposure supplies are labeled in English
(If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language, any other created label must be only English)

13.2 Removes materials from first aid kit

13.3 Supplies and materials are visibly clean

13.4 Cleans injured area with antiseptic (e.g., alcohol, hand sanitizer)

13.5 Cover with dressing that is absorbent and secured

13.6 Candidate wears glove or finger guard

13.7 Disposes of all contaminated supplies

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidate individually after assessment:
“Please do nothing until further instructions are given.”

13.8 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section
Please Note: Proctor verbal: Read to all candidates *ONLY* if examination ends with section 13 (Blood Exposure) Please refer to your state examination guidelines.

CANDIDATE CLEANUP AND FINAL SUMMARY

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates at the conclusion of the examination:

“All examiners have indicated they have completed their assessment.”

“Make sure that all kit supplies and disposable materials are taken with you.”

“This concludes the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology, National Cosmetology Practical Examination.”

"Thank you for your participation.”
Please Note: Proctor verbal: Read to all candidates for Nail Technology additional sections that are being used in the administration of the examination. Please refer to your state examination guidelines.

14. WORK AREA AND NEW CLIENT PREPARATION AND SET UP OF SUPPLIES (15 minutes)

+ ADDITIONAL SERVICES+

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:

“You will breakdown your work area and dispose of supplies used in the previous sections of this examination.”

“You will prepare your work area for a NEW client.”

“You will set up the universal supplies you will use for the remainder of the examination.”

“You will also set up the supplies for the following sections of the examination:

+ Basic Manicure+,
+ Nail Tip Application and Blending+,
+ Sculptured Nail+,

“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”

“You will have 15 minutes to complete this section.”

“You will be informed when you have 8 minutes remaining.”

"Do not demonstrate any procedures until the verbal instructions are given and you are instructed to begin."

“Turn the hand toward the examiner to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”

(2) “You may begin.”

+Denotes Additional Sections for States that elect to test this/these sections. Confirm State requirement. Administration of any of these sections will be performed in the numerical order outlined.
Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

14.1 Disinfects all work areas completely with product labeled in English (manufacturer’s label) as EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant
14.2 Sanitizes hands with product labeled in English (manufacturer’s label)
14.3 Universal supplies are labeled in English (If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language. Any other created label must be only English.)
14.4 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have turned the hand to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have turned the hand:
“Please stop working.”

15. MANICURE AND POLISH APPLICATION (20 minutes) + ADDITIONAL SERVICE +

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will perform a manicure and polish application.”
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”
“You will have 20 minutes to complete this section.”
“You will be informed when you have 10 minutes remaining.”

“Turn the hand toward the examiner to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”
(2) “You may begin.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

15.1 Manicure and polish supplies are labeled in English (If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language, any other created label must be only English)
15.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
15.3 Sanitizes hand to be manicured with product labeled in English (manufacturer’s label)
15.4 Shapes free edges to establish uniform length and shape
15.5 Immerges all fingernails in bowl of water
15.6 Applies cuticle remover
15.7 Pushes back cuticles
15.8 Cleans under free edges
15.9 Brushes or wipes nails to remove product or remaining debris
15.10 buffs nails
15.11 Applies cuticle oil
15.12 Applies massage product
15.13 Performs massage on the fingers, top and palm of the hand demonstrating at LEAST 2 different types of massage movements
15.14 Cleanses each nail plate with appropriate solution (i.e., nail dehydrator, alcohol, nail prep solution)
15.15 Applies base coat to cover entire nail plate
15.16 Applies red polish to cover entire nail plate
15.17 Applies top coat to cover entire nail plate

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have turned the hand to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section. Please wait until the next verbal instructions are given.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have turned the hand:
“Please stop working. Please wait until the next verbal instructions are given.”

15.18 Final appearance of polish is smooth and even
15.19 Nail plate is entirely covered with red polish
15.20 Cuticle and surrounding skin are free of polish and free of injury

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidates when all examiners have indicated they have completed their assessment:
"All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed.”

15.21 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have turned the hand to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”
Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have turned the hand:
“Please stop working.”

16. NAIL TIP APPLICATION AND BLENDING (20 minutes)  
+ ADDITIONAL SERVICE +

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will perform nail tip application and blending.”
(Proctor will choose the finger for nail tip application and blending to be performed)
“Apply the nail tip to the __________ finger.”
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”
“You will have 20 minutes to complete this section.”
“You will be informed when you have 10 minutes remaining.”
“Turn the hand toward the examiner to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”
(2) “You may begin.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

16.1 Nail tip application and blending supplies are labeled in English  
(If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language. Any other created label must be only English.)
16.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean  
16.3 Sanitizes mannequin hand with product labeled in English  
(manufacturer’s label)
16.4 Removes residual nail polish from nail plate with appropriate solution  
16.5 Removes shine from nail plate  
16.6 Removes dust from nail plate  
16.7 Applies nail dehydrator product to nail plate  
16.8 Selects full-well tip and attaches to nail plate of assigned finger  
16.9 Trims and shapes nail tip  
16.10 Blends and finishes nail tip

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have turned the hand to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section. Please wait until the next verbal instructions are given.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have turned the hand:
“Please stop working. Please wait until the next verbal instructions are given.”
NIC Cosmetology Practical Examination – Nail Tip Application and Blending (continued)

16.11 Result of tip selection and application
16.12 Cuticle and surrounding skin are free of adhesive
   (cuticle, surrounding skin, hyponychium)
16.13 Appearance of finished nail tip

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidate individually after assessment:
“Please do nothing until further instructions are given.”

16.14 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a
   correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidates when all examiners have indicated
   they have completed their assessment.
"All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed."

17. SCULPTURED NAIL (20 minutes)
    + ADDITIONAL SERVICE +

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
(Proctor will choose the finger, which the sculptured nail will be performed)
“You will sculpt a nail on the ___________ finger
“You must use low-odor/less-odor product. *check your state testing guidelines for
   product requirements.
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection
   control procedures.”
“You will have 20 minutes to complete this section.”
“You will be informed when you have 10 minutes remaining.”
“Turn the hand toward the examiner to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”
(2) “You may begin.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

17.1 Sets up sculptured nail supplies. Polymer, monomer, and primer MUST be
    in original container and have manufacturer’s label in English.
17.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
17.3 Removes shine from nail plate
17.4 Cleanses and dehydrates nail plate
17.5 Applies nail form to fit snugly under free edge
17.6 Applies nail primer to nail plate
17.7 Sculpt a nail to extend the free edge of assigned finger
**NIC Cosmetology Practical Examination – Sculptured Nail (continued)**

17.8 Shapes, contours and finishes sculptured nail

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if all candidates have turned the hand to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:

“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section. Please wait until the next verbal instructions are given.”

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have turned the hand:

“Please stop working. Please wait until the next verbal instructions are given.”

17.9 Appearance of finished sculptured nail is smooth, balanced, and even

17.10 Cuticle and surrounding skin are free of sculptured product (cuticle, surrounding skin, hyponychium) and remain undamaged

**Examiner – Verbal Instructions:** Read to candidate individually after assessment:

“Please do nothing until further instructions are given.”

17.11 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to candidates when all examiners have indicated they have completed their assessment:

"All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed."
18. WORK AREA AND NEW CLIENT PREPARATION AND
SET UP OF SUPPLIES (15 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will breakdown your work area and dispose of supplies used
in the previous sections of this examination.”
“You will prepare your work area for a NEW client.”
"You will set up the universal supplies you will use for the remainder of
the examination.”
“You will also set up the supplies for the following sections of the examination:
+Basic Facial,+ 
+Hair Removal of the Eyebrows by Tweezing and Simulated Soft Wax,+ 
+Hair Removal of the Upper Lip using Hard Wax+, 
+Facial Makeup Application+
“You will also prepare your client for services.”
“Turn on your wax pots at this time. “*Please check with your state or vendor for
examination requirements.
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection
control procedures.”
“You will have 15 minutes to complete this section.”
“You will be informed when you have 8 minutes remaining.”
"Do not demonstrate any services until the verbal instructions are given
and you are instructed to begin.”
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”
(2) “You may begin.”

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Confirm State requirement. Administration of any of these sections will be
performed in the numerical order outlined.
**NIC Cosmetology Practical Examination** – Work area and new client preparation and set up of supplies (continued)

**Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:**

18.1 **Disinfects all work areas completely with product labeled in English (manufacturer’s label) as EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant**

18.2 **Sanitizes hands with product labeled in English (manufacturer’s label)**

18.3 **Universal supplies are labeled in English** (If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language. Any other created label must be only English.)

18.4 **Applies new protective covering to model hair and body**

18.5 **Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they have completed the section before timing has elapsed:

“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we will now proceed.”

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:

“Please stop working.”

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**19. BASIC FACIAL (20 minutes)**

+ ADDITIONAL SERVICE +

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates:

“You will perform a basic facial.”

“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”

“You will have 20 minutes to complete this section.”

“You will be informed when you have 10 minutes remaining.”

“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”

(2) “You may begin.”
NIC Cosmetology Practical Examination – Basic Facial (continued)

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

19.1 Basic facial supplies are labeled in English
   (If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and
   may be multi-language, any other created label must be only English)
19.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
19.3 Cleanses eye area completely
19.4 Cleanses lips completely
19.5 Distributes cleanser over face
19.6 Removes residual makeup and cleanser
19.7 Applies toner/astringent
19.8 Applies exfoliating product over face and manipulates with implement
   or material excluding eyes and mouth
19.9 Steam towel is applied and removed
19.10 Removes residual product
19.11 Distributes massage product over face
19.12 Demonstrates effleurage movement
19.13 Demonstrates petrissage movement
19.14 Demonstrates tapotement movement
19.15 Demonstrates friction movement
19.16 Removes residual massage product
19.17 Applies toner/astringent
19.18 Applies moisturizer
19.19 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a
   correct manner throughout section

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they
have completed the section before timing has elapsed:

“All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we
will now proceed.”

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have
stepped back:

“Please stop working.”
20. HAIR REMOVAL OF THE EYEBROWS BY TWEEZING
AND USING SIMULATED SOFT WAX (Untimed)
+ ADDITIONAL SERVICE +

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“\textbf{You will perform hair removal of the eyebrows by tweezing and using simulated soft wax.}”
“\textbf{You will demonstrate hair removal from one eyebrow by tweezing.}”
“\textbf{You will demonstrate hair removal from the other eyebrow using simulated soft wax.}”
“\textbf{You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.}”
“\textbf{You will be instructed individually by the examiner to demonstrate the tweezing and soft wax procedures.}”
“\textbf{This is an untimed section.}”
“\textbf{Do not begin to demonstrate the tweezing and soft wax procedures until instructed individually by the examiner to do so.}”

(1) “\textbf{The instructions will be repeated.}”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

20.1 Hair removal supplies are labeled in English
\begin{itemize}
\item If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language, any other created label must be only English
\end{itemize}
20.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean

HAIR REMOVAL OF EYEBROWS – TWEEZING

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually:
“\textbf{Please demonstrate hair removal of the eyebrow by tweezing.}”

20.3 Candidate wears gloves
20.4 Applies antiseptic to eyebrow area
20.5 Holds skin taut (\textit{without slack})
20.6 Demonstrates tweezing of hair in direction of hair growth
20.7 Applies antiseptic to treated area

HAIR REMOVAL OF EYEBROWS - SIMULATED SOFT WAX

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually:
“\textbf{Please demonstrate hair removal of the eyebrow using simulated soft wax.}”

20.8 Applies antiseptic to eyebrow area
20.9 Uses absorbent material or product to dry eyebrow area
20.10 Tests temperature of simulated wax product on wrist
**NIC Cosmetology Practical Examination – Hair removal of the eyebrow, tweezing and soft wax (continued)**

20.11 Applies simulated soft wax product along entire length of eyebrow in direction of hair growth
20.12 Smooths wax strip over simulated wax product
20.13 Holds skin taut (without slack)
20.14 Removes wax strip in opposite direction of hair growth
20.15 Applies antiseptic to treated area
20.16 Applies post-epilation product to treated area

**Examiner – Verbal Instructions:** Read to candidate individually after assessment:
“Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

20.17 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to candidates when all examiners have indicated they have completed their assessment:
“All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed.”

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**21. HAIR REMOVAL OF THE UPPER LIP USING HARD WAX (Untimed) + ADDITIONAL SERVICE +**

**Proctor – Verbal Instructions:** Read to all candidates:
“You will perform hair removal of the upper lip using hard wax.”
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”
“You will be instructed individually by the examiner to demonstrate the hard wax procedure.”
“This is an untimed section.”
“Do not begin to demonstrate the hard wax procedure until instructed individually by the examiner to do so.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”

**Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:**

21.1 Hair removal supplies are labeled in English
(If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and may be multi-language, any other created label must be only English)
21.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
NIC Cosmetology Practical Examination – Hair removal of the upper lip, hard wax (continued)

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually:
“Please demonstrate hair removal of the upper lip using hard wax.”

21.3 Candidate wears gloves
21.4 Cleanse area to be waxed
21.5 Uses absorbent material or product to dry area to be waxed
21.6 Tests temperature of hard wax product on wrist
21.7 Applies hard wax along upper lip area
21.8 Holds skin taut (without slack)
21.9 Removes hard wax
21.10 Applies antiseptic to treated area
21.11 Applies post-epilation product to treated area

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidate individually after assessment:
“Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

21.12 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidates when all examiners have indicated they have completed their assessment:
“All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed.”

22. FACIAL MAKEUP APPLICATION (20 minutes) + ADDITIONAL SERVICE +

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will apply facial makeup.”
“You are expected to brace when working around the eye and mouth areas.”
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”
“You will have 20 minutes to complete this section.”
“You will be informed when you have 10 minutes remaining.”
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”
(2) “You may begin.”
NIC Cosmetology Practical Examination – Facial makeup (continued)

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

22.1 Facial Makeup supplies are labeled in English
   (If original manufacturer’s label is present, it must have English and
   may be multi-language, any other created label must be only English)
22.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
22.3 Applies protective covering to shoulders
22.4 Secures hair off face
22.5 Applies foundation to cover face
22.6 Applies powder to face
22.7 Applies blush
22.8 Grooms eyebrows
22.9 Applies eyeshadow
22.10 Applies eyeliner
22.11 Applies mascara
22.12 Applies lip liner
22.13 Applies lip color
22.14 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a
   correct manner throughout section

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if all candidates have stepped back to indicate they
have completed the section before timing has elapsed:
   “All candidates have indicated they have completed this section of the examination, we
will now proceed.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have
stepped back:
   “Please stop working.”

CANDIDATE CLEANUP AND FINAL SUMMARY

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates at the conclusion of the
examination:
   “All examiners have indicated they have completed their assessment.”
   “Make sure that all kit supplies and disposable materials are taken with you.”
   “This concludes the National Interstate Council of State Boards of
Cosmetology, National Cosmetology Practical Examination.”
   ”Thank you for your participation”
### SUGGESTED EXAMINATION SUPPLIES

**Information related to labeling of supplies:**
- ALL supplies must be labeled in English
- No other languages can be present unless an original manufacturer’s label is present
- Original manufacturers’ labels MUST have English and may be multi-language
- All other created labels must be only English

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#### EXAMINATION UNIVERSAL/GENERAL SUPPLIES
- candidate supply kit to serve as dry storage area (must be closeable)*
- hand sanitizer (must have original manufacturer’s label)
- hospital disinfectant (must have original manufacturer’s label)
- container labeled “items to be disinfected”
- container labeled “soiled linens”
- container labeled “trash”
- first aid kit/supplies
- paper towels

#### HAIR CARE – UNIVERSAL/GENERAL SUPPLIES
- mannequin head(s) and a table clamp or tri-pod* (pre-marked mannequins are NOT permitted)
- neck strip(s)
- protective cape(s) (child size is appropriate for mannequin)
- cloth towels
- hair clip(s) and/or clamp(s)
- comb(s)
- hair brush(es)
- spray bottle with water
- protective cream
- spatula(s)
- protective cotton
- protective gloves

#### BLOW DRY STYLING SUPPLIES +
- blow dryer with cord unaltered

#### THERMAL CURLING SUPPLIES
- thermal curling iron with cord unaltered
- material for testing temperature of iron
HAIRCUTTING SUPPLIES
- shears
- razor

+ROLLER PLACEMENT SUPPLIES +
- roller(s)

+FINGERWAVING AND PIN CURL PLACEMENT – SKIP WAVE SUPPLIES +
- waving lotion or styling gel

CHEMICAL WAVING SUPPLIES
- chemical wave rods
- end papers
- applicator bottle with simulated waving lotion (water)

PREDISPOSITION TEST AND STRAND TEST WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT SUPPLIES
- brush and bowl or bottle applicator
- hair color-colored simulated product
- skin cleanser

HIGHLIGHTENING WITH FOIL, VIRGIN APPLICATION WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT SUPPLIES
- brush and bowl or bottle applicator
- colored simulated product
- foils

HAIR COLOR RETOUCH WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT SUPPLIES
- brush and bowl or bottle applicator
- colored simulated product

VIRGIN HAIR RELAXER APPLICATION WITH COLORED SIMULATED PRODUCT SUPPLIES
- brush bowl or bottle applicator
- colored simulated product

BLOOD EXPOSURE PROCEDURE SUPPLIES
- additional bag for disposal of blood-contaminated materials
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- facial cleanser
- exfoliation product
- massage product
- sponges
- implement or material for exfoliation
- wet steam towel(s)
- astringent or toner
- container of water

+HAIR REMOVAL OF THE EYEBROWS BY TWEEZING USING SIMULATED SOFT WAX SUPPLIES +
- antiseptic
- tweezers
- fabric strips
- simulated soft wax product
- post-epilation product

+HAIR REMOVAL OF UPPER LIP USING HARD WAX SUPPLIES +
- antiseptic
- hard wax
- wax heater
- post-epilation product

+FACIAL MAKEUP APPLICATION SUPPLIES +
- foundation, powder, and blush
- eye shadow, eyeliner, and mascara
- eyebrow pencil, lip liner and lip color
- palette (all makeup products must be transferred to a palette)
- cosmetic sponges