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 sections.

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 the examination.**

• Candidates are required to bring a supply kit for their own use.
  
  o 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.
  
  o 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.
  
  o Candidates may remove items, supplies, etc., from the kit at any time, however nothing may be returned to the kit.
  
  o All examinations are administered in a testing environment.
  
  o 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:
  
  o The verbal instructions will be read twice for each section of the examination.
  
  o 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.”
  o Examiners are not allowed to speak with candidates.
  o If a candidate experiences 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.
  o Each section of the examination has a maximum time allowance, with the exception of those specified as untimed sections.
  o Once a candidate has completed all tasks in the section, please step back or turn the hand toward the examiner (in the case of nail sections) to indicate they have finished.
  o In the event that all candidates complete a section before the time has elapsed, the examiners will proceed to the next section of the examination.
  o When the timer goes off, all candidates 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.
  o 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 www.nic-testing.org 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:
  o Possession of cellular phones, pagers, tablets, computers, projectors, cameras, or any other electronic or recording devices, printed materials, or handwritten notes.
  o Purses, bags, coats, hats, and any other personal items not directly needed to complete the examination, are not allowed.
  o Exhibiting disruptive behavior.
  o 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 the immediate dismissal from the examination and the candidates 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 only in English.
  o Original manufacturer’s labels are required for all disinfectants and hand sanitizers.
  o 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 state specific requirements for supplies and products.
  o Simulated products are not allowed for disinfectants and hand sanitizers.
  o NO AEROSOLS are allowed in the testing environment
  o 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

Please refer to your state specific guidelines for model and mannequin requirements.

If your state requires that you use a mannequin head(s) or hand(s):

- Candidates who 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.
- Candidates who 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 state/vendor prior to admittance into 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. Candidates are required to bring and use the following supplies for the appropriate disposal of materials:
  - Container labeled “To be disinfected”
  - Container labeled “Soiled linens”
  - 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:
  - Predisposition Test and Strand Test with Simulated Product (Content Domain Section 6)
  - Highlighting with Foil, Virgin Application with Colored Simulated Product (Content Domain Section 7)
  - Blood Exposure Procedure (Content Domain Section 10)
  - Hair Removal of the Upper Lip Using Hard Wax (Content Domain Section 16, Additional Section)
  - Facial Makeup Application (Content Domain Section 17, Additional Section)
  - Nail Tip Application and Blending (Content Domain Section 19, 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 sections. 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. **Thermal Curling** (10 minutes)
3. **Haircutting** (30 minutes)
4. **Work Area and New Client Preparation, and Set Up of Supplies** (Second client 15 minutes)
5. **Chemical Waving** (20 minutes)
6. **Predisposition Test and Strand Test with Simulated Product** (10 minutes)
7. **Highlighting with Foil, Virgin Application with Colored Simulated Product** (15 minutes)
8. **Hair Color Retouch with Colored Simulated Product** (10 minutes)
9. **Virgin Hair Relaxer Application with Colored Simulated Product** (Untimed)
10. **Blood Exposure Procedure** (10 minutes)
11. + **Blow Dry Styling** (10 minutes)
12. + **Roller Placement** (10 minutes)
13. + **Fingerwaving and Pin Curl Placement – Skip Wave** (10 minutes)
14. + **Basic Facial** (20 minutes)
15. + **Hair Removal of the Eyebrows by Tweezing and Using Simulated Soft Wax** (Untimed)
16. + **Hair Removal of the Upper Lip Using Hard Wax +** (Untimed)
17. + **Facial Makeup Application** (20 minutes)
18. + **Manicure and Polish Application** (20 minutes)
19. + **Nail Tip Application and Blending** (20 minutes)
20. + **Sculptured Nail** (20 minutes)

+Denotes Additional Sections for States that elect to test these sections. Administration of any of these sections will 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:

   Thermal Curling,
   Haircutting.

*Additional verbal instruction specific to state guidelines*
“Plug your curling iron in at this time.” (Read only if hot iron is used)
“You will 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.”
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:

1.1 Disinfects all work areas completely with product labeled in English as EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant
1.2 Sanitizes hands with product labeled in English
1.3 Universal supplies are labeled in English
1.4 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 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, we will now proceed.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read if the timer goes off before all candidates have stepped back:
“Please stop working.”
2. 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:

2.1 Thermal curling supplies are labeled in English
2.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
2.3 Tests temperature of iron
2.4 Subsections hair for thermal curling
2.5 Demonstrates safe use of iron
2.6 Final appearance of four curls
2.7 Maintains drape throughout section
2.8 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 the 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.”
3. 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:

3.1 Haircutting supplies are labeled in English
3.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
3.3 Subsections hair for Haircutting
3.4 Demonstrates safe use of razor
3.5 Demonstrates safe use of shears

**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:** Read to each candidate individually:

“May I please use your comb to check the haircut?”

3.6 Cuts entire nape line to a uniform length
3.7 Cuts sides uniform in length
3.8 Blends haircut

**Examiner – Verbal Instructions:** Read to each candidate individually after the final appearance of the haircut has been examined:

“Please clean up your hair at this time. Upon completion, please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

3.9 Removes hair from work area
3.10 Maintains drape throughout section
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3.11 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."

4. 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.”
*Additional verbal instruction specific to state guidelines*
“Plug your wax pot in at this time.” (Review your state examination guidelines)
“You will 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:

4.1 Disinfects all work areas completely with product labeled in English as EPA-registered, hospital-grade disinfectant
4.2 Sanitizes hands with product labeled in English
4.3 Universal supplies are labeled in English
4.4 Items to be disinfected, soiled linens, and trash are disposed of in a correct manner throughout section
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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.”

5. CHEMICAL WAVING (20 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will perform 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 do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”
“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.”
“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.”
“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 Chemical waving supplies are labeled in English
5.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
5.3 Subsections hair for chemical waving
5.4 Wraps hair
5.5 Correct rod placement used throughout entire 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. 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.”
5.6 Demonstrates saturation

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually:
“Please demonstrate saturation.”

5.7 Demonstrates a test curl

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually:
“Please demonstrate a 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 remove all remaining rods from the head and create 5 sections for the remaining chemical services.”
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”
“You will have 5 minutes to complete this section.”
“You will be informed when you have 2 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:

5.8 Maintains drape throughout section
5.9 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. PREDISPOSITION TEST AND STRAND TEST WITH SIMULATED PRODUCT (10 minutes)

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 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 Predisposition test and strand test supplies are labeled in English
6.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
6.3 Demonstrates predisposition test behind the ear
6.4 Demonstrates strand test process
6.5 Maintains drape throughout section
6.6 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. 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:

7.1 Highlighting with foil supplies are labeled in English
7.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
7.3 Subsections hair for highlighting with foils
7.4 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 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.”

7.5 Final result of simulated product application

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidate individually once the final appearance of the foil has been examined:
“Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

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

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates once examiners have completed assessment for this section:
"All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed."
8. 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:

8.1 Hair color retouch supplies are labeled in English
8.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
8.3 Subsections hair for hair color retouch
8.4 Applies simulated hair color product
8.5 Final result of hair color retouch application
8.6 Maintains drape throughout section
8.7 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.”
9. 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:

9.1 Virgin hair relaxer supplies are labeled in English
9.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean

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

9.3 Subsections hair for relaxer application
9.4 Applies simulated relaxer product

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to each candidate individually after virgin relaxer application has been examined:
“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. BLOOD EXPOSURE PROCEDURE (10 minutes)

**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.”
“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:

10.1 Blood exposure supplies are labeled in English
10.2 Removes materials from first aid kit
10.3 Supplies and materials are visibly clean
10.4 Cleans injured area with antiseptic
10.5 Covers with dressing that is absorbent and secured
10.6 Candidate wears glove or finger guard
10.7 Disposes of all contaminated supplies

**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.”
11. BLOW DRY STYLING (10 minutes)

+ADDITIONAL SECTION+

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You have 2 minutes to set up the supplies for the Blow Dry Styling section of this examination. Please do not begin any procedures until the verbal instructions have been read and you are instructed to begin.”
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

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

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 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:

11.1 Blow dry styling supplies are labeled in English
11.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
11.3 Demonstrates safe use of blow dryer
11.4 Controls hair with brush
11.5 Final result of blow dry styling
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. ROLLER PLACEMENT (10 minutes)
+ ADDITIONAL SECTION +

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You have 2 minutes to set up the supplies for the Roller Placement section of this examination. Please do not begin any procedures until the verbal instructions have been read and you are instructed to begin.”
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

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

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:

12.1 Roller placement supplies are labeled in English
12.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
12.3 Subsections hair for roller placement
12.4 Wraps hair around rollers
12.5 Final appearance of rollers
12.6 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.”

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

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

12.7 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.”

13. FINGERWAVING AND PIN CURL PLACEMENT - SKIP WAVE (10 minutes) + ADDITIONAL SECTION +

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You have 2 minutes to set up the supplies for the Fingerwaving and Pin Curl Placement section of this examination. Please do not begin any procedures until the verbal instructions have been read 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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Skip Wave (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.”

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:

13.1 Fingerwaving and pin curl supplies are labeled in English
13.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
13.3 Forms a ridge shaping
13.4 Creates pin curls
13.5 Final appearance of skip wave
13.6 Maintains drape throughout section
13.7 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.”
14. BASIC FACIAL (20 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You have 2 minutes to set up the supplies for the Basic Facial section of this read and examination. Please do not begin any procedures until the verbal instructions have been you are instructed to begin.”
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

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

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 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.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

14.1 Basic facial supplies are labeled in English
14.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
14.3 Cleanses eye area completely
14.4 Cleanses lips completely
14.5 Distributes cleanser over face
14.6 Removes residual cleanser
14.7 Applies toner/astringent
14.8 Applies exfoliating product over face and manipulates with implement or material excluding eyes and mouth
14.9 Steam towel is applied and removed
14.10 Removes residual product
14.11 Distributes massage product over face
14.12 Demonstrates effleurage movement
14.13 Demonstrates petrissage movement
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14.14 Demonstrates tapotement movement
14.15 Demonstrates friction movement
14.16 Removes residual massage product
14.17 Applies toner/astringent
14.18 Applies moisturizer
14.19 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.”

15. HAIR REMOVAL OF THE EYEBROWS BY TWEEZING AND USING SIMULATED SOFT WAX (Untimed)
   + ADDITIONAL SECTION +

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You have 2 minutes to set up the supplies for the Hair Removal of the Eyebrows by Tweezing and using Simulated Soft Wax section of this examination. Please do not begin any procedures until the verbal instructions have been read and you are instructed to begin.”
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

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

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 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.”
Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will perform Hair Removal of the Eyebrows by Tweezing and Using Simulated Soft Wax.”
“You will demonstrate hair removal from one eyebrow by tweezing.”
“You will demonstrate hair removal from the other eyebrow using simulated soft 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 tweezing and soft wax procedures.”
“This is an untimed section.”
“Do not begin to demonstrate the tweezing and soft wax procedures until instructed individually by the examiner to do so.”

(1) “The instructions will be repeated.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

15.1 Hair removal supplies are labeled in English

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

15.3 Candidate wears gloves
15.4 Applies antiseptic to eyebrow area
15.5 Holds skin taut
15.6 Demonstrates tweezing of hair in direction of hair growth
15.7 Applies antiseptic to treated area

HAIR REMOVAL OF EYEBROWS - SIMULATED SOFT WAX

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

15.8 Applies antiseptic to eyebrow area
15.9 Uses absorbent material or product to dry eyebrow area
15.10 Tests temperature of simulated soft wax product on wrist
15.11 Applies simulated soft wax product along entire length of eyebrow in direction of hair growth
15.12 Smoothes wax strip over simulated soft wax product
15.13 Holds skin taut
15.14 Removes wax strip in opposite direction of hair growth
15.15 Applies antiseptic to treated area
15.16 Applies post-epilation product to treated area

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidate individually after hair removal of the eyebrows by tweezing and using simulated soft wax has been examined:
“Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

15.17 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.”

16. HAIR REMOVAL OF THE UPPER LIP USING HARD WAX (Untimed)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You have 2 minutes to set up the supplies for the Hair Removal of the Upper Lip Using Hard Wax section of this examination. Please do not begin any procedures until the verbal instructions have been read and you are instructed to begin.”
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

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

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 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.”
Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You will perform Hair Removal of the Upper Lip.”
“You will use real hard wax.”
“You will demonstrate the procedure on the entire upper lip”
“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:

16.1 Hair removal supplies are labeled in English
16.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean

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

16.3 Candidate wears gloves
16.4 Cleanse area to be waxed
16.5 Uses absorbent material or product to dry area to be waxed
16.6 Tests temperature of hard wax on wrist
16.7 Applies hard wax along upper lip area
16.8 Holds skin taut
16.9 Removes hard wax
16.10 Applies antiseptic to treated area
16.11 Applies post-epilation product to treated area

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidate individually after hair removal of the upper lip using hard wax has been examined:
“Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

16.12 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.”
17. FACIAL MAKEUP APPLICATION (20 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You have 2 minutes to set up the supplies for the Facial Makeup section of this examination. Please do not begin any procedures until the verbal instructions have been read and you are instructed to begin.”
“Step back to indicate you have finished.”

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

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 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.”

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.”

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

17.1 Facial Makeup supplies are labeled in English
17.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
17.3 Applies protective covering to shoulders
17.4 Secures hair off face
17.5 Applies foundation to cover face
17.6 Applies powder to face
17.7 Applies blush
17.8 Grooms eyebrows
17.9 Applies eyeshadow
17.10 Applies eyeliner
17.11 Applies mascara
17.12 Applies lip liner
17.13 Applies lip color
17.14 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.”

18. MANICURE AND POLISH APPLICATION (20 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You have 2 minutes to set up the supplies for the Manicure and Polish Application section of this examination. Please do not begin any procedures until the verbal instructions have been read 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.”

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

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:

18.1 Manicure and polish supplies are labeled in English
18.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
18.3 Sanitizes hand to be manicured with product labeled in English
18.4 Shapes free edges to establish uniform length and shape
18.5 Immerses all fingernails in bowl of water
18.6 Applies cuticle remover
18.7 Pushes back cuticles
18.8 Cleans under free edge
18.9 Brushes or wipes nails to remove product or remaining debris
18.10 Buffs nails
18.11 Applies cuticle oil
18.12 Applies massage product
18.13 Performs massage on the fingers, top and palm of the hand demonstrating at LEAST 2 different types of massage movements
18.14 Cleanse each nail plate with appropriate solution
18.15 Applies basecoat to cover entire nail plate
18.16 Applies red polish to cover entire nail plate
18.17 Applies topcoat 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 do nothing 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 do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

18.18 Final appearance of polish is smooth and even
18.19 Nail plate is entirely covered with red polish
18.20 Cuticle and surrounding skin are free of polish and free of injury

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidate individually after the manicure and polish has been examined:
“Please do nothing until further instructions are given.”
Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“All examiners have indicated they are ready to proceed with the examination.”
“You will remove the polish from all nails and properly dispose of supplies used in the previous section of the examination.”
“You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedures.”
“You will have 5 minutes to complete this section.”
“You will be informed when you have 2 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:

18.21 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.”

19. NAIL TIP APPLICATION AND BLENDING (20 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You have 2 minutes to set up the supplies for the Nail Tip Application and Blending section of this examination. Please do not begin any procedures until the verbal instructions have been read 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.”
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 do nothing 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 do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
(Note: Proctor will assign the finger for application of the nail tip)
“You will perform Nail Tip Application and Blending.”
“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:

19.1 Nail tip application and blending supplies are labeled in English
19.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
19.3 Sanitizes model’s hand with product labeled in English
19.4 Removes residual nail polish from nail plate with appropriate solution
19.5 Removes shine from nail plate
19.6 Removes dust from nail plate
19.7 Applies nail dehydrator product to nail plate
19.8 Selects full well tip and attaches to nail plate of assigned finger
19.9 Trims and shapes nail tip
19.10 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 do nothing 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 do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

19.11 Result of tip selection and application
19.12 Cuticle and surrounding skin are free of adhesive
19.13 Appearance of finished nail tip
Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidate individually after the nail tip application and blending has been examined:
“Please do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

19.14 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.”

20. SCULPTURED NAIL (20 minutes)

Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
“You have 2 minutes to set up the supplies for the Sculptured Nail Section of section of this examination. Please do not begin any procedures until the verbal instructions have been read 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.”

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 do nothing 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 do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”
Proctor – Verbal Instructions: Read to all candidates:
(Note: Proctor will assign the finger to be sculpted)
“"You will Sculpt a nail on the _______ finger"
“"You must use a manufacturer sealed, low-odor/less-odor monomer" (Check your state specific testing guidelines for product requirements)
“"You will be expected to follow all client protection, safety and infection control procedure.
“"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:

20.1 Sets up sculptured nail supplies. Polymer, monomer, and primer MUST be in original container and have manufacturer’s label in English.
20.2 Implements and supplies are visibly clean
20.3 Removes shine from nail plate
20.4 Cleanses and dehydrates nail plate
20.5 Applies nail form to fit snugly under free edge
20.6 Applies nail primer to nail plate
20.7 Sculpt a nail to extend the free edge of assigned finger
20.8 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 do nothing 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 do nothing until the next verbal instructions are given.”

20.9 Appearance of finished sculptured nail is smooth, balanced, and even
20.10 Cuticle and surrounding skin are free of sculptured product and remain undamaged

Examiner – Verbal Instructions: Read to candidate individually after the sculptured nail has been examined:
“Please do nothing until further instructions are given.”

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

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

+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.

**EXAMINATION UNIVERSAL/GENERAL SUPPLIES**
- candidate supply kit to serve as dry storage area (must be closeable)
- hospital grade (level), EPA-registered disinfectant with manufacturer’s label that demonstrates bactericidal, fungicidal and virucidal properties must be used (must be actual disinfectant)
- hand sanitizer and manufacturer’s label (must be actual hand sanitizer)
- container labeled “items to be disinfected”
- container labeled “soiled linens”
- container labeled “trash”
- first aid kit
- paper towels

**HAIR CARE – UNIVERSAL/GENERAL SUPPLIES**
- mannequin head(s) and a table clamp or tri-pod (pre-markings or pre-sectioning on mannequins is not permitted)
- neck strip(s)
- protective capes (child size capes may be used)
- cloth towels
- hair clip(s) and/or clamp(s)
- comb(s)
- hair brush(es)
- spray bottle with water
- protective cream
- spatula(s)
- cotton
- gloves

**THERMAL CURLING SUPPLIES**
- thermal curling iron with cord unbound and/or unaltered
- material for testing temperature of iron

**HAIRCUTTING SUPPLIES**
- shears
- razor
CHEMICAL WAVING SUPPLIES
- chemical wave rods
- end papers
- 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

+BLOW DRY STYLING SUPPLIES +
- blow dryer with cord unbound and/or unaltered

+ROLLER PLACEMENT SUPPLIES +
- roller(s)

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

+SKIN CARE – UNIVERSAL/GENERAL SUPPLIES+
- mannequin head(s) (pre-markings on mannequin is not permitted)
- head drape
- body drape
+BASIC FACIAL SUPPLIES +
- bowl and water *(if needed)*
- spatula(s)
- tissue, gauze, sponges, and/or cotton rounds
- facial cleanser
- exfoliation product
- implement or material for exfoliation
- wet steam towel(s)
- massage product
- astringent or toner
- moisturizer

+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
- wax heater
- hard wax
- post-epilation product

+FACIAL MAKEUP APPLICATION SUPPLIES +
- disposable applicator(s)
- palette *(no single use products. All makeup products must be transferred prior to use)*
- foundation, powder, and blush
- eye shadow, eyeliner, and mascara
- eyebrow pencil, lip liner and lip color

+NAIL CARE-UNIVERSAL/GENERAL SUPPLIES+
- mannequin hand(s) with artificial nails attached *(Must be entire hand; cannot have removable digits. Nail tips must be attached to each finger PRIOR to examination.)*

+MANICURE AND POLISH APPLICATION SUPPLIES +
- finger bowl and water
- cuticle cream/remover
- cotton
- cuticle oil
- nail file(s) and/or buffer(s)
- nail cleanser
- spatula(s)
- cuticle pusher
- nail brush
- massage product
- base coat
- top coat
- red polish
- polish remover

+NAIL TIP APPLICATION AND BLENDING SUPPLIES +
- full-well nail tips
- nail file(s) and/or buffer(s)
- cotton
- nail clipper
- adhesive

+SCULPTURED NAIL SUPPLIES +
- sculptured nail products – monomer, polymer, and primer
  Monomer must be low-odor/less-odor and manufacturer sealed in its original container with original manufacturer’s label. Powder and primer must be in its original container with original manufacturer’s label.
  (Please refer to any other state specific and/or examination provider’s guidelines)
- cotton
- sculptured nail brush
- dappen dishes
- nail file(s) and/or buffer(s)
- sculptured nail form(s)
- oil