



# JOB of the Week



**Job name:** Beauty Therapist

**Job description:** Beauty therapists provide face and body treatments to help clients look and feel better.

**Tasks you will undertake in the job:** As a Beauty Therapist, you'll:

- Discusses clients requirements, analyses and advises client on appropriate skin care, and applies treatments to the face or body;
- Massages scalp, face and other parts of the body and carries out spray tanning;
- Uses waxing, threading, sugaring and other epilation techniques to remove any unwanted body hair;
- Cleans, shapes and polishes finger and toe nails, applies nail extensions;
- Applies make-up to hide blemishes or enhance facial features and advises clients on skin care and make-up techniques;
- Performs specialist treatments for conditions such as acne, applies skin rejuvenation therapies;
- Recognises problems and refers clients to medical practitioners if appropriate;
- Advises clients on diet and exercise to assist in weight loss and slimming;
- Maintains client records, sells and advises on cosmetic products and services, and ensures appropriate health and safety issues are addressed.

**Sectors in which Beauty Therapists would normally work:**

You could work in a salon, at a health spa, on a cruise ship, in a hotel or from home. You may need to wear protective clothing.

With experience you could progress to salon manager. You could become self-employed and get your own salon, work from home or travel to clients. You could also move into fashion, theatre or media make-up.

**Skills required for this job (core competencies):**



Communication	Resilience	Organisation	Teamwork
Problem Solving	Initiative	Creativity	Digital literacy

**Salary:** Beauty Therapists are typically paid a starting wage of £15 000, this increases with experience, experienced Beauty Therapists can expect to earn approximately £20 000 p.a. .

**Working hours:** Working hours are usually around 37-40 hours per week. It is likely that you will work during some evenings and weekends as per customer request / demand



## Qualifications to become a Beauty Therapist:

You can get into this job through: a college course; an apprenticeship; working towards this role and specialist courses run by private training providers

**College.** You could study for a Level 2 or 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy. Entry requirements. You'll usually need: 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A\* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course AND 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course

**Apprenticeship.** You can do an intermediate or advanced beauty therapist apprenticeship. Entry requirements. You'll usually need: GCSEs, usually including English and maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship AND 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship

**Work.** You could start out as a beauty therapy assistant in a salon or spa. You could then study for a qualification on the job. **Other Routes:** You could also train with a private beauty school. Professional and industry bodies: You may find it useful to get professional recognition by joining a register like the Guild of Beauty Therapists.

**Essential skills you need to show:** To succeed as a Beauty Therapist, the following personal skills and attributes would give you an advantage:

- customer service skills to put clients at ease
- sensitivity and understanding towards your clients' needs
- the ability to work well with your hands for giving treatments
- excellent verbal communication skills to explain treatments
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to work well with others
- the ability to sell products and services

**This job in the future:** The workforce is projected to decline by -1.3%, losing 1 300 jobs; in the same period, 68.7% of the workforce is likely to retire, creating 70 800 job opportunities.

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