



Nail Care

Career Competition

Career Cluster: Hospitality and Tourism/ Human Services

State Qualifying Exam: Yes

National Contest: Yes

Participation: Individual

Competition Description

The purpose of this competition is to evaluate each competitor’s preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students’ excellence and professionalism in the field of nail technology. Competitors are judged on oral communication skills, acrylic application, tip and light-cured enhancement application, nail polish application, nail art, and a written exam.

Tasks To Be Evaluated

- Acrylic Sculptured Nails, one hand
- Tips with light cured enhancement overlay, one hand
- red creme polish, one hand
- Themed Nail Art, one hand, accompanied by a written description of the theme
- Oral Presentation, client consultation
- Written Test

Clothing Requirement

National Requirement:

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- Official SkillsUSA white dress shirt or official white polo
- Black dress slacks
- Black leather work or dress shoes.

State Requirement:

National Requirement OR

- White dress shirt or white polo (other colored polo/dress shirt will be subject to deductions)
- Black dress slacks
- Black leather work or dress shoes
- Any embroidered names or school patches must be covered, if applicable.

Provided by Competitor

- Acrylic, nail tips, light cured enhancement & accessory product, curing lamp, extension cords/power strips, all nail prep product and tools, all nail finishing tools, red creme polish, nail art product & theme and any additional tools.
- All product should be labeled, all tools clean and in good repair. A table lamp if desired, towels, table towels, nail wipes.

Note: Implements should be brought to the competition ready to use and labeled as such (i.e., cleaned, and disinfected, or new). If not, a disinfectant jar with disinfectant solution must be used.

Provided by Technical Committee

- Instructions
- Written exam
- Pencils
- Plastic bags
- One electrical outlet.



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Additional Information

Competitors should review:

- Sanitation and disinfection procedures and terminology.
- Finishing the nails, downgrading files and buffing until an even surface with high shine is attained with no scratches or dull spots.
- Practice verbal client consultation with or without props (oral presentation).
- Greeting, client need assessment, recommended service, recommended home care with retail sales, re-booking next appointment.
- Practice speed and timing of application and finishing.
- Make sure that the contestant comes prepared and with all necessary tools and product.