

SHB50121 Diploma of Beauty Therapy

Palmerston

DESCRIPTION

This qualification reflects the role of individuals employed as beauty therapists to provide a broad range of beauty therapy treatments and services including facial treatments, body massage and treatments, hair removal, lash and brow treatments, nail and make-up services. This includes consultation with clients to provide beauty advice, recommend beauty treatments and services, and sell retail skincare and cosmetic products.

These individuals work relatively autonomously and are accountable for personal outputs. Their work involves the self-directed application of knowledge and skills with substantial depth in some areas where judgement is required in planning and selecting appropriate equipment, services, and techniques.

Work is typically conducted in beauty salons and spas.

The skills in this qualification must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State or Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.

No occupational licensing, certification or specific legislative requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

This course can be undertaken as a traineeship. Visit [TAFE Apprenticeships and Traineeships](#) for more information.

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

To gain entry into SHB50121 Diploma of Beauty Therapy, candidates require:

- a completed year 12 or equivalent education and have completed SHB30121 Certificate III in Beauty Services.
- successful completion of a pre-enrolment Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) assessment and interview is essential for success in this program.

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Palmerston Campus
Duration*	Mainstream 1 year part time or 6 months full-time (with credits from the Cert III) Trainees 1 years part time
Study mode ^^	Face-to-face

Dates ^	Semester 1: 28/01/2026 to 19/06/2026 Semester 2: 20/07/2026 to 26/11/2026 Students must enrol in the course prior to the commencement date
Attendance	Mainstream: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday – 8.30 am to 4.00 pm Trainees 1 day per week over 1 year 8.30 am to 4.00 pm <i>Trainees will receive an individualised call-up notification letter</i>

* Duration may vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.

^ A course timetable/study plan will be provided on application for the course.

^^ Information relating to study modes can be found in the 2026 TAFE Student Guide

FEES

Fee Type	2026 Course Fees
NT Government Supported*	\$5,482.40
Full Fee	\$21,231.84

*This course is supported by the NT Government for domestic [eligible](#) students who are NT residents. A limited number of NT Government supported places are available, so secure your place now.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. For International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type. The course fee rates will vary for commercial contract arrangements.

For further clarification and information on fees, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#)

VET STUDENT LOANS

Eligible students may access a VET Student Loan to pay for their Diploma course fees (up to capped the amount). Determine your eligibility using the [VET Student Loan Eligibility Tool](#) on the [Your Career](#) website.

For more information visit [VET Students Loans \(VSL\)](#)

ASSESSMENT

Skills and knowledge assessments are an essential step in progressing through your course. You may be assessed in a number of ways including written assessment, questioning, portfolios, work samples, direct observation, practical assessments and third-party feedback.

Throughout your course you will receive information about assessments including how, when and where assessments will be conducted.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge and experience you've gained through your previous study, work or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, [VET RPL](#).

CREDIT TRANSFER (CT)

Charles Darwin University as a Registered Training Organisation recognises the Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications and Statement of Attainments issued by any other Australian Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Students are encouraged to submit any requests for credit from previous studies at the time of enrolment, to ensure they are not enrolling in units they may not need to undertake.

RESOURCES

Students will have 24/7 access to assessments and learning resources on Learnline, CDU's online learning platform. Before you can start using Learnline, you'll need to make sure that your computer has the correct setup. For more details: [Learnline | Charles Darwin University](#)

Computer and internet access is required to source information and complete assessments. It is recommended students bring a laptop with them to class so they can access online resources.

Students are required to purchase Skin Deep Learning resources from the CDU Beauty Salon for the units mentioned below in program content – the cost of each manual is approximately \$28. Total cost: 461.20. These will be available to purchase during your orientation session on course commencement.

Uniforms

Students are required to purchase a CDU t-shirt - YOU MAKE CDU WOMENS POLO from the CDU Bookshop at the Casuarina campus or order online from [bookshop.cdu.edu.au](https://bookshop.cdu.edu.au/products/youmakecduopolowomens). Cost: \$35.

This must be worn with either black trousers or a knee length skirt with closed shoes.

Beauty Kits

Students are required to purchase a lash lift kit and an eyelash extension kit. The lash lift kit can be purchased from Elleebana and costs approximately \$206.55 - \$251.55. The eyelash extension kit can be purchased from Graft a Lash and costs approximately \$215.00. It is recommended that you also purchase a make-up brush set. Information on where to purchase these kits will be provided on enrolment.

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to Vocational Graduate Certificate in Intense Pulsed Light and Laser Hair Reduction, Vocational Graduate Certificate in Dermal Therapies or Higher Education particularly the degree in Bachelor of Health Science (Dermal Therapies). On completion of this qualification credit(s) may be available into Higher Education courses.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Beauty Therapist

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve SHB50121 Diploma of Beauty Therapy, a total of twenty-nine (29) units of competency must be completed comprising twenty (20) core and nine (9) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

CORE UNITS

SHBBBOS008*	Provide body massages
SHBBCCS005	Advise on beauty products and services
SHBBFAS004	Provide lash and brow services
SHBBFAS005*	Provide facial treatments and skincare recommendations
SHBBFAS006*	Provide specialised facial treatments
SHBBHRS010	Provide waxing services
SHBBMUP009	Design and apply make-up
SHBBNLS007*	Provide manicure and pedicure services
SHBBNLS011	Use electric file equipment for nail services
SHBBRES003	Research and apply beauty industry information
SHBBSSC001	Incorporate knowledge of skin structure and functions into beauty therapy
SHBBSSC002	Incorporate knowledge of body structures and functions into beauty therapy
SHBXCCS005	Maintain health and wellbeing in a personal services setting
SHBXCCS006	Promote healthy nutritional options in a beauty therapy context
SHBXCCS007	Conduct salon financial transactions
SHBXCCS008	Provide salon services to clients
SHBXIND003	Comply with organisational requirements within a personal services environment
SHBXWHS003	Apply safe hygiene, health and work practices
SIRXOSM002	Maintain ethical and professional standards when using social media and online platforms
SIRXSLS001	Sell to the retail customer

ELECTIVE UNITS

Group A Elective: Infection Control	
SHBBINF002	Maintain infection control standards
Group C Electives: Relaxation Massage	
SHBBBOS009*	Provide aromatherapy massages
SHBBBOS010*	Use reflexology relaxation techniques in beauty treatments
SHBBSPA007*	Provide stone therapy massages
Group E General Electives	
SHBBCCS006*	Prepare personalised aromatic plant oil blends for beauty treatments
SHBBHRS011*	Provide female intimate waxing services
SHBBMUP010	Design and apply make-up for photography
SHBBSKS009*	Provide micro-dermabrasion treatments
Unnamed Elective	
SHBBMUP008	Apply eyelash extensions

Note: Units marked with an *asterisk include one or more pre-requisite units of competency. Please refer to the table below:

Unit Name:	Pre-requisite units:
SHBBBOS008* Provide body massages SHBBBOS009* Provide aromatherapy massages SHBBBOS010* Use reflexology relation techniques in beauty treatments	SHBBSSC001 Incorporate knowledge of skin structure and functions into beauty therapy SHBBSSC002 Incorporate knowledge of body structures and functions into beauty therapy SHBXCCS006 Promote healthy nutritional options in a beauty therapy context
SHBBFAS005* Provide facial treatments and skin care recommendations	SHBBSSC001 Incorporate knowledge of skin structure and functions into beauty therapy SHBBSSC002 Incorporate knowledge of body structures and functions into beauty therapy
SHBBFAS006* Provide specialised facial treatments	SHBBSSC001 Incorporate knowledge of skin structure and functions into beauty therapy
SHBBNLS007* Provide manicure and pedicure services	SHBBNLS011 Use electric file equipment for nail services
SHBBSPA007* Provide stone therapy massage	SHBBBOS008 Provide body massages
SHBBCCS006* Prepare aromatic plant oil blends for beauty treatments	SHBBSSC001 Incorporate knowledge of skin structure and functions into beauty therapy
SHBBHRS011* Provide female intimate waxing services	SHBBHRS010 Provide waxing services
SHBBSKS009* Provide micro-dermabrasion treatment	SHBBINF002 Maintain infection control standards SHBBSSC001 Incorporate knowledge of skin structure and functions into beauty therapy SHBBSSC002 Incorporate knowledge of body structures and functions into beauty therapy

WITHDRAWING FROM A QUALIFICATION

You may withdraw from this qualification and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The University provides support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Financial Support Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at [Student Support - Life, Health and Wellbeing](#)

CONTACT DETAILS

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