



Focus Awards Level 4 Certificate in
Aesthetic Practice Core Knowledge and
Advanced Skin Science (RQF)

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Qualification Summary

Level	Sector	Qualification Type
4	Service Enterprises	Vocationally – Related Qualification
Total Qualification Time	Credit Value	Guided Learning Hours
210	21	157
Status	Methods of Assessment	Minimum Age
Available to Learners	Portfolio of Evidence	18



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QRN: 603/7307/6

GLH: 157

TQT: 210

Credit: 21

Qualification Purpose:

The aim of the Focus Awards Level 4 Certificate in Aesthetic Practice Core Knowledge and Advanced Skin Science (RQF) is to provide learners with the knowledge and understanding required for safe aesthetic practice. Advanced skin science will enhance the learner's knowledge of the physiology of skin conditions relating to aesthetic practice

Age Range

Entry is at the discretion of the centre; however, learners should be at least 18 to undertake this qualification.

Geographical Coverage

This qualification is available in England.

Learner Entry Requirements:

Learners must have previously completed and achieved an anatomy and physiology qualification at a minimum of Level 3, with a core knowledge of facial anatomy.

Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations

Please refer to the Focus Awards 'Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy'. A copy is available for download from the Focus Awards website at the following url: <https://www.focusawards.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Reasonable-Adjustments.pdf>

Assessment Methods

This qualification is Internally Assessed. Each learner must create a portfolio of evidence that demonstrates achievement of all the learning outcomes and assessment criteria associated with each unit.

The main pieces of evidence for the portfolio could include some or all of the following:

- Assessor observation
- Witness testimony
- Learner product
- Worksheets
- Assignments/projects/reports
- Record of oral and written questioning
- Learner and peer reports
- Recognition of prior learning (RPL)

Progression Routes

Learners seeking progress from this qualification can advance their skills further through the following:

- Focus Awards Level 4 Certificate in Enhancing Eyebrows with Microblading Techniques (RQF)
- Focus Awards Level 4 Certificate in Micropigmentation (RQF)
- Focus Awards Level 4 Certificate in Laser and Intense Pulsed Light (IPL) Treatments (RQF)
- Focus Awards Level 4 Diploma in Managing a Salon Business (RQF)
- Focus Awards Level 4 Diploma in Advanced Skin Science and Aesthetic Procedures (RQF)

Supporting Material and Useful Websites

- <https://focusawards.org.uk/supportingmaterials>
- <https://ofqual.gov.uk>

Mandatory Units

Unit Title	Unit Reference	Level	Credit	Guided Learning Hours
Aesthetic Practice Core Knowledge	D/618/5347	4	12	92
Advanced Skin Science	H/618/5348	4	9	65

Staff Requirements

Requirements for Tutors/Instructors

Tutors delivering the qualification will be required to hold or be working towards a teaching qualification. This may include qualifications such as the Levels 3, 4 or 5 in Education and Training, or a Certificate in Education. Focus Awards will however; consider other teaching qualifications upon submission. Tutors must also be able to demonstrate that they are occupationally competent within the sector area.

Requirements for Assessors

Assessors will be required to hold, or be working towards a relevant assessing qualification. This includes qualifications such as:

- Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment
- Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocationally-Related Achievement
- Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement

Focus Awards will however; consider other relevant assessing qualifications upon submission.

Assessors who only hold the Level 3 Award in Understanding the Principles and Processes of Assessment will be required to complete an additional programme of study to achieve the relevant competency units required for one of the qualifications listed above.

Trainee assessors who do not hold an assessment qualification will require their decisions to be countersigned by a suitably qualified assessor.

Assessors must also be able to show they are occupationally competent within the sector area

Requirements for Internal Quality Assurers (IQA)

Internal Quality Assurers should hold or be working towards the following an IQA qualification. This may include qualifications such as the V1 (previously D34), or the Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice. Focus Awards will however; consider other relevant IQA qualifications upon submission. Trainee IQAs who do not hold an IQA qualification will require their decisions to be countersigned by a suitably qualified IQA. IQAs must be able to demonstrate occupational competence.