

NORTH CAROLINA QUESTIONS & ANSWERS		UPDATED 3/2023
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<b>SET UP</b>	Should the students bring out universal supplies and client one supplies at the same time or should the students clean and disinfect the work area first and then bring out the client one supplies?	The verbal instructions in WORK AREA AND CLIENT PREPARATION, AND SET UP OF SUPPLIES indicates the set up instructions including if supplies should be set up for exam sections.
<b>THERMAL CURLING</b>	Does it matter where they place the thermal curls?	Thermal curling curls are all formed on the top of the head.
	Are students to use their iron cold (unplugged) at the exam site correct?	Thermal iron with a cold iron is performed exactly as it's performed with a hot iron. It is helpful to curl the hair prior. The iron being used in a safe and sanitary manner is evaluated.
	Are they required to demonstrate safe use of the cord?	Thermal curling will be demonstrated with a cold iron but must be treated as though it were hot. It will not be plugged in but must contain a cord so the examiners can see they know how to use a corded appliance safely.
	Can the students have the curls on rollers or pinned during set up?	Yes but rollers and/or pins must be removed before they begin demonstrating the thermal curling procedure.
<b>HAIRCUT</b>	How much time do the students have to complete the haircut?	The haircut will be 35 minutes.
	What type of basic layered haircut is required?	Final appearance of the haircut is evaluated once they've performed the haircut as they've been taught. A specific haircut is not stipulated.
	Will there be a certain percentage that the shears and razor need to be used on the haircut?	They need to use each implement enough so they examiner can see them use the implement safely.
	Can the students complete a solid form haircut as a basic layered haircut? Since the lengths of the hair in the nape are shorter than the lengths in the crown?	They are to demonstrate a basic layered haircut using shears and razor.
<b>CHEMICAL WAVING</b>	Is a chemical drape required?	Chemical drape is required for chemical services.
	Where do they apply the simulated waving lotion?	Chemical waving saturation is on the first three rods.
	Once the students are done rolling the perm rods do they go ahead and base and apply cotton before they step back as they have been doing or do they need to wait on the examiner to instruct them to demonstrate saturation before doing this?	They may apply the protective cream and cotton as part of the procedure or when the instructed to demonstrate saturation. They should do as they are taught.
	Do the students need to throw the perm solution bottle away directly after saturation or can they sit it back down since it would be the same client?	If they are done with it they need to dispose of properly.
<b>PREDISPOSITION TEST AND STRAND TEST</b>	Do the students need shampoo to clean the strand test off? Or will water be enough?	No, shampoo is not necessary for testing purposes, they need to demonstrate the strand test as they were taught.
<b>FOILING</b>	May the applicator brush be used to sub-section the hair or may they sub-section with a tail comb?	They should do as they were taught, NIC does not evaluate technique.
<b>COLOR RETOUCH</b>	May the students color the midshaft and ends of the hair so they can see where to apply simulated product to cover 1 inch of regrowth?	Pre-marking mannequins is not permitted.

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<b>RELAXER</b>	We had been doing only one subsection of hair and they would apply to the mid-shaft, then the base and ends, then immediately go to smoothing and then demonstrate a relaxation test. Do they still do all of that the same way just on the complete back section or are they only to apply the product and demonstrate smoothing without direction? And do we still apply the mid first and then base and ends?	Chemical relaxing will be demonstrated on one back subsection of hair. They need to demonstrate the application of product as they are taught including smoothing without individual instruction from the examiner.
	Do we apply then smooth each section, or complete the section and then smooth?	They should apply and smooth as they've been taught.
	For the virgin relaxer application, will students complete the entire quadrant and then go back to the starting point and add product and smooth the entire quadrant? Or complete the 'process' on each section as they move through the quadrant?	They should apply and smooth as they've been taught.
	Is the Virgin Relaxer "no base"	Yes, Hair relaxer is No Base application.
	Is the relaxer section timed?	Hair relaxer will be a timed section (15 minutes).
	Will they be instructed to smooth the relaxer product?	Relaxer product will be applied and smoothed as they've been taught to do.
	I understand it's the entire back quadrant but where does no base come in? Do they no longer have to show basing the scalp?	Correct. They need to do as they have been taught for a no base.
<b>BLOOD EXPOSURE</b>	We are in NC so ours is a little different. Do we follow this or do we need to do something different?	Candidates should complete all tasks including the North Carolina blood exposure requirements.
	Is Blood Exposure demonstrated on the candidate's index finger?	Yes, North Carolina requires Blood Exposure to be demonstrated on the candidate's index finger for all practical exams.
	The blood exposure section reads that the work area and client have not been contaminated from the exposure, but the students learn that any blood exposure should be treated like everything has been contaminated. Should they plan on cleaning and disinfecting the work area after they complete cleaning and bandaging of the wound?	Students must follow the blood exposure requirements and procedures for North Carolina.
	The NC state board blood exposure has the student use antibiotic ointment and not antiseptic wipes, which one will the students need to use for the exam?	Students must follow the blood exposure requirements and procedures for North Carolina.
<b>HAIR REMOVAL EYEBROWS</b>	Since they are waxing then tweezing is the tweezing seen as a continuation of the wax procedure and they do not have to use antiseptic again before tweezing or do they need to treat it as separate and show antiseptic again before tweezing?	They should demonstrate all steps for tweezing and then demonstrate all steps for waxing, it will be demonstrated on one eyebrow.
	Should they plan on switching capes before hair removal of the eyebrows?	The cape only needs to be changed if it has become contaminated or unsanitary at any point in the exam.
	Do they need a hair band or will a plastic cap be enough of a hair drape for the hair removal?	NIC doesn't stipulate what is used to secure the hair away from the face, they should do as they were taught.

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GENERAL	I had been having them use hand sanitizer and dry with paper towel, but I have also had them remove items from station and place in To be disinfected or trash and disinfect their station with the Barbicide wipe. Is this correct for NC?	Candidates may move all supplies to one side of the station, disinfect their work area and then move the items to the disinfected side and then disinfect the remainder of the work area.
	Do candidates need to dry hands with a paper towel after using hand sanitizer?	This is not evaluated, they may if they wish.
	Are candidates to remove items from the station and place in the bag that is labeled "To be disinfected" or "Trash" and disinfect their station with disinfecting wipes?	Any item placed in either of these bags cannot be removed and/or reused. They can move all items to one side of their work station, disinfect and then move items to the other side and disinfect the remainder of the station.
	Do the students need to be able to sanitize their hands before going into their kit before the first client? With a pocket hand sanitizer and then placing the pocket hand sanitizer back in their pocket before actually sanitizing their hands?	The kit is presumed sanitary at the beginning of the exam so sanitizing at that point isn't necessary. They must sanitize at any time after when their hands become unsanitary.
	Can the trash, soiled linens, and items to be disinfected containers be gift bags or brown grocery bags with plastic liners in each?	This is acceptable.
	Can the top of the student's kit be treated as a work area?	All supplies should be on their actual work area and visible to examiners. The kit and disposal containers/bags needs to be completely under the work area.
	Will the students need to use a wash cloth between the table clamp and the table? If they do, do they need to switch the wash cloth between clients?	Not necessary.
	Can the students use 1 mannequin for both client one and client two?	They may use 1 mannequin throughout the exam if the wish.
	Do they need to plan on cleaning and disinfecting their work area after the exam has been completed?	They should clean up their work area as they've been taught and take everything with them when dismissed from the exam.
	Can the students throw unused product away in the trash after completing each chemical section? And place the bowl in the items to be disinfected container?	That's fine.
ESTHETICS	Do they have to have lashes on the mannequin and are drawn on eyebrows acceptable?	Lashes on the mannequin are not necessary and drawn on eyebrows are fine.
WRITTEN TEST SITE	Are the students able to take the written exam in a bordering states?	The Prov CIB only contains a list of the test site locations within the state of North Carolina but when a candidate logs into the scheduling portal it will show them the site that is closest to their zip code which includes bordering states.