

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 2011

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING SKILLS

We are aware that you have several questions concerning the new scenarios. Please check this FAQ listing before sending any inquiries. Some of you have already submitted your questions and we have addressed them below.

Please be aware that this is a NATIONAL exam. Each of the skills have been reviewed by participants from many states, including Colorado. All scenarios for the general levels, COSMETOLOGY, MANICURISTS, and ESTHETICIANS were founded on a panel of five (5) different states at a weeklong review meeting. BARBERING AND HAIRSTYLISTS are included in these questions. Multiple states reviewed and consolidated all steps into final scenarios.

GLOSSARY

Section=Quadrant

Model=Mannequin

Freddy Finger=Artificial Hand=Model's hand

QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION

1. Do we still have to have two forms of ID? **Yes. Please read the directions in the handbook, all of the requirements are explained. They are the same as last year concerning the application process.**
2. Is it still 4 candidates to 1 evaluator? **Yes.**
3. Can we bring in interpreters yet? **No.**
4. Do the evaluators still check the haircuts and chemicals? **Yes**
5. What if I forget something on my supply list? **If a candidate forgets to bring the required supplies, they will be marked accordingly. The only exception to this rule is if a candidate does not bring a odorless acrylic, they will be disqualified from that skill. If a candidate brings no supplies, they will also be disqualified.**
6. What if I get started on my examination and I have to go to the bathroom? **Once the examination has begun, the candidate may not leave the room. If they do, they will be disqualified.**

7. Can a candidate fail if they do not have all containers labeled? Even if it is one product? **The supply list explains exactly what must be labeled. Please read it carefully. All the items that are required to be labeled must be labeled, or the candidate will be marked no on the skill set. The entire examination is based on an established cut score. If they fail too many steps within the skill, it is a possibility they will fail the whole examination.**
8. Have some of the timeframes changed with the new skills? **Yes, please read carefully the changes in the new skills.**
9. Are all our products still mock? **Yes. Except the nail and cosmetic products that have to be utilized. The candidate handbook explains what must be mock and what isn't.**

INFECTION CONTROL AND SAFETY

1. With the new skills, does this now mean that we do not have to have a “sealed” container for our soiled items?
#7 on the skill set states: Places used implements in soiled container separate from disinfected implements.
2. In each of the skill sets it does not tell us to sanitize hands and clean the tabletop, do we only have to do it one time?
Step #2 and step # 3 explains the answer to this question. If in doubt, re-sanitize.
3. What if the candidate only has one cape and needs to re-use it? **Unless the cape has touched the skin, the candidate only needs to use a new neck strip or towel for a chemical drape. If in doubt, spray the cape down with a sanitizer, dry with a towel and go on with the skill.**
4. Does the trash have to be sealed after every skill? **No.**
5. Does the “soiled” container have to be sealed after every skill? **No.**
6. Can I bring in a trash can rather than a trash bag? **Yes. A foot pedal one is highly recommended, so you don't have to re-sanitize your hands after you touch it.**
7. I see that you have added antiseptic to the First Aid Kit, why? **It is listed under the Office of Barber and Cosmetology Licensure.**
8. Why can't items I bring in be returned to the disinfected bag? **Once an item is used, it is no longer disinfected unless the candidate wants to take the time to disinfect that item. Otherwise all items used must be placed in the soiled container. If the candidate does have to re-use that item, they need to spray it off with sanitizer.**

9. How is a cut taken care of? Will the candidate fail if they cut themselves?

That is what the first aid kit is there for. First wipe down the wound, use antiseptic on it, bandage it, reapply gloves and put the wipe in one bag, then put it in the other marked biohazard baggie and then dispose of it in the biohazard container at the test site. Please make sure you use the right container. One is for blades and one is for wounds. Please ask your school, if you are not sure. Remember, no extra time is given for an accident, so be aware of your time. No the candidate will not fail if they take the proper steps in cleaning the wound and disposal of blood borne pathogenic material. However, they may have to go home without finishing the skills if the cut is too serious and they do not have their first aid kit to take care of the wound.

10. Do I still have to re-sanitize my hands if I pick up a dropped item from the floor and it is placed in the trash?

Think of the skills as if you were working on a client. You would wash your hands if you pick up things off the floor or put things in the trash can.

11. What is the difference between the disinfected and soiled bags?

The disinfected bag is where all of your clean and sanitized implements, supplies, and products will be when you arrive at the test site. Once they are removed from that bag, you never put them back into that bag, unless you re-sanitize them first. Otherwise, ALL ITEMS that have been used in any way, go into the separate bag labeled: Soiled.

12. The bottle that is used to clean the tabletop and implements labeled: "DISINFECTANT", will that be okay?

No. It is now called SANITIZER and is required to be labeled the same. If the bottle is not labeled correctly, the evaluator will mark "no" under #3 on Infection Control and Safety. The pass/fail of the examination is determined by a cut score, so it is not known if this alone will cause an individual to fail the examination.

HAIRCUTTING

1. Is the haircut still a 90 degree haircut? **Yes. Exception: Barber and hairstylist haircuts.**

2. Do we still have to leave 4" of hair on the head? **Step #5 states: Removes a minimum of 1/4" of hair. That is what is expected.**

3. If we cut ourselves during a haircut, will we fail? Is that an unsafe practice? **No, as long as Universal Precautions are adhered to in the haircutting procedure. If unsure of Universal Precautions, see number 9 above.**

4. Is Colorado still using only one quadrant on a haircut? **Yes, Except for the Barbers and Hairstylists. It is required to bring two mannequins as one of their haircuts, covers the whole back of the head.**

5. I noticed you added shaving to the barbering skill. Is this correct? **Yes, please read all skills carefully, there have been many changes.**

6. Does the hair have to be wet to use a razor on it? **Yes.**

7. Are pre-sectioned mannequins still not allowed? **That is correct.**

8. Will we still have to only bring one mannequin? **Barbers and Hairstylists are required to bring 2 mannequins.**

9. Will the infection control and safety components be a separate skill or will they be incorporated into each practical section? **The safety and infection control components will be evaluated throughout all phases of the examination.**

10. Are razor cutting candidates still required to have a hazardous waste container for blade disposal? **Sharps disposal containers will be provided at all test sites.**

THERMAL STYLING

1. I noted that there is no blow dryer in the Thermal styling skill, is this a mistake? **No. The candidate does not need to blow dry the hair. Can we bring one if we want to? The candidate will not be marked wrong if they choose to bring a blow dryer.**

2. Is it true we only have to do two (2) curls now for Thermal Styling? **See Thermal Styling Section.**

3. Can I cut one quadrant of my mannequin shorter for thermal styling?
Yes.

CHEMICAL SERVICES

1. Does the candidate only have to perform 3 foils on color and bleach? **See Haircolor and Bleach section.**

2. Do we still have to pull color or bleach through the ends on a virgin application? **Yes.**

3. On the chemical relaxer, it states: Apply base cream to hairline and ears. Does that mean we do NOT have to go down each parting? **That is correct. See Chemical relaxer skill.**

4. Is it true we only have to wrap 3 perm rods? **That is correct. See Permanent Wave section.**

5. Will the evaluator still have us check our perm rods and tell us when to do a test curl?
Yes. See Permanent wave skill.

6. Can a permanent wave be completed on the same section a Chemical Relaxer was done on?
No, there will still be product on that section, so you will have to do another quadrant.

BRAIDING

1. Does the French braid have to fill the whole quadrant?
Yes

2. What if hair is left out at the bottom of the braid?
Then the whole quadrant has not been braided, therefore #3 under Braiding will be marked “no” by the evaluator.

3. Can I braid the same quadrant I just used in thermal styling?
Yes.

BASIC FACIAL, FACIAL CLEANSING, MASQUE, MANIPULATIONS

1. How do we remove product from the mannequin? **Please see skill step. It is usually with toner/astringent and cotton pads.**

2. Do we still just do the manipulations one time? **Yes.**

3. Can we still bring in wet cotton rounds for the eye pads on the masque application?
See Supply List.

4. Does the masque have to be applied to the neck and chest? **No.**

5. Are we expect to drape with a head band, cap and a drape across the chest? **Yes. See supply list.**

6. Are we expected to bring in a magnifying loupe? **No, an inexpensive magnifying glass will suffice.**

7. Do we really have to talk to the mannequin on the skin analysis? **Yes**

HAIR REMOVAL

1. Is it true that we only have to perform hair removal, waxing or tweezing on one eyebrow? **Please see eyebrow skill set.**

2. Can we use a cold wax without strips to perform waxing? **No. Strips are required.**
3. Why do we have to wear gloves on hair removal? **Universal Precautions.**
4. Will the candidate be marked if they do not wear gloves? **Yes.**
5. Does the mannequin have to be draped during hair removal? **See skill steps.**

MAKEUP APPLICATION

1. Does PearsonVue still recommend using powder makeup? **Yes.**
2. Will a candidate fail if only one cosmetic product is not labeled? **All candidates are scored on a level of cut scores. They will be marked accordingly. If they fail too many steps, they may fail the examination.**
3. Step # 5 under Makeup Application states applies eyebrow pencil. Are we not doing eyeliner now? **That is correct, we will now be doing eyebrow pencil instead of eyeliner. The pencil is sanitized with a sharpener.**
4. If mascara is a required cosmetic, how do we apply it to a mannequin? **Remember, this is a mock skill. Candidates go through the same steps that you would go through on a real client. Remember do not pump applicator or double dip into the product.**
5. Can a candidate do both eyes with mascara with only one dip of the wand? **Yes.**
6. Are facial mannequins still provided at the test site? **Yes.**
7. Does the mannequin have to be draped during makeup application? **No.**

BASIC MANICURE, ARTIFICIAL ENHANCEMENTS, POLISH APPLICATION

1. Do we still have to have a bowl with water on the basic manicure. **Yes, please read supply list carefully.**
2. Step #10 states to dry client's hand and nails. Do we have to have a towel for this? **Yes, either a paper towel or a cloth towel.**
3. Do we still need a tip applied to a freddy finger to represent the natural nail? **Yes, on all fingers, there must be a tip so it can represent the natural nail. The artificial enhancements will be placed on top of that tip.**

4. How many freddy fingers should a candidate bring? **5-7 freddy fingers are recommended, especially for a manicurist and they should all have tips applied to represent the natural nail.**
5. I cannot find where we do the gel nails, has that been discontinued? **Yes.**
6. How many sets of manicuring implements should a candidate bring? **A candidate may re-use the manicuring implements if they disinfect by spraying down implement with sanitizer.**
7. Are we expected to bring real polish remover and polish? **The candidate is expected to bring real products for the polish application and a polish correction pen for the removal on sidewalls of nails.**
8. How do we remove the excess polish from the skin? **With the polish correction pen**

TAPERED HAIRCUT ON NAPE (hairstylists and barbers only)

1. Step 2 states: Sections hair in nape area from ear to ear, does that mean we are using 2 quadrants? **Yes, on the barber/hairstylist haircut the candidate is required to use the whole back section from the middle of the head down. Thus the requirement of bringing two mannequins.**
2. Are B10 and B11 haircuts the same except for different tools? **Yes B10 and B11 are the same cut except for the use of different tools. B12 and B13 are also the same cut except for the use of different tools**

MALE FACIAL

1. Is the Barber the only one that performs a male facial? **Yes, that is correct.**

SHAVING

1. How do we do we perform a shave on a mannequin? **The razor will not have a blade in it, however, you will do the skill as if you are performing on a real client. Please do not bring a real blade to the examination!**
2. Can I use my haircutting razor on the shaving portion on the skill? **No, the examination requires a razor separate from your haircutting razor.**