

Nail Care

Date	February 13, 2026	Orientation Time	10:45 A.M
Location	Apollo Career Center 3325 Shawnee Rd. Lima, OH 45806	Contest Time	Immediately following orientation (CLOSED contest)
Scope of Contest	The competition will include a series of testing situations demonstrating technical applications. The areas to be evaluated are customer service, safety and sanitation, natural nail care, artificial nails, and nail lacquer and art application. Observations during each segment and evaluation of the finished product will be considered in the scoring. • All competitors must bring a model for the competition. Competitors are not permitted to touch their models before the competition begins or between segments. • Conversation between competitor and model is limited. Communication with observers, judges and other competitors is prohibited during the competition. • Disqualification or penalty points taken can occur for the following: ○ Leaving competition area before completion of the nail care competition (applies to both competitor and model) without proper escort. ○ Unauthorized use of a product that is not allowed or that doesn't appear in the listing below. ○ Any product that appears to have been altered. • Competitors should come prepared to do the following: ○ Ring and pinky fingers of the model's right hand are to be sculpted with acrylic using forms, no tips, in a one-color acrylic (pink, white or clear may be used) technique. (30 minutes). ○ Thumb, pointer and middle fingers of the model's right hand are to have nail tips applied and overlaid with a light-cured gel or a light-cured hybrid acrylic/gel (30 minutes). ○ Flat nail art is to be applied to all five fingers of the model's right hand (40 minutes). ○ All times are approximate and will be confirmed during orientation. ○ A three- to five-minute mock nail care consultation on the benefits of natural nail care. The competitor will address the judges as if they are a new client of theirs in the salon. Props may be used. The consultation should include the following points: (1) Recommended natural nail care services; (2) Results the client should expect; (3) The home care products the client would need to purchase and use to obtain these results. • Sharing of tools between competitors is prohibited.		
Testing	No		
Eligibility	1 contestant for every 50 paid members enrolled in program		
Clothing	Clothing Classification Guide - CLASS G		
Provided by Contestant	• Professional Resume – must be typed and physically produced as a hard copy • Emergency medical form (fold and place behind contestant #) • MSDS Sheets in labeled folder (shown during registration)		

- State Board approved disinfectant
- Hand sanitizer
- Blood spill kit
- Safety glasses (2) – **Prescription glasses are not considered as safety glasses**
- UV/LED lamp
- **All products must be odorless**
- Extension cord
- Disposable lint free towels
- White Terry Towels— NO holes, No Stains or Colors
- Gel overlay-light cured products – **Can be hard gel or hybrid gel/acrylic product. Gel polish, temporary or no-light gels may not be used**
- Gel brush
- Nail forms
- ABS plastic nail tips- must be full well & natural (not white)
- Nail glue
- Tip cutters
- Lint-free nail wipes
- Nail polish remover
- Dark red nail polish
- Spray water bottle
- Dappen dish must have covers
- Acrylic nail brushes
- Monomer, Polymer and Primers – **Must be from the same manufacturer**
- Nail sanitizer
- Curing resin for acrylic
- Assorted nail files/buffers — **NO electric drills or files**
- Cuticle pusher
- Nail art supplies (brushes, polish, acrylic paint, base/topcoat)
- All items allowed to complete the flat nail art application: Medium choices: acrylic paints, polishes/lacquers, colored powders (acrylic and dip), gel polish, glitters and dusts, and adhesives, i.e., gel top coats/glue—**No pre-prepared items can be used; items are limited to those intended for use on nails. Top coat may be used as a sealer**
- **THEME WILL BE PROVIDED DAY OF COMPETITION**

The following WILL NOT be tolerated and are grounds for disqualification from the competition:

No smart watches, cellphones and/or other electronic devices in the contest area unless specifically stated in this document. These devices cannot be used as a calculator.

No contact with anyone outside of the contest area once the contest begins.

No inappropriate communication between contestants such as verbally degrading another contestant or informing another contestant of the skills/test prior to or during the competition.

No cheating on any portion of the contest.

The use of AI is strictly prohibited and will result in an automatic disqualification of the contestant.

Contest Standards	Contest Skilled Performance Standards NAIL 1.0 - Apply the knowledge and skills needed to perform safety and sanitation in a nail care situation. NAIL 2.0 - Implement skills that are needed for quality customer service in a nail care situation. NAIL 5.0 - Apply the knowledge and skills needed to perform artificial nails services in a nail care situation NAIL 6.0 - Implement the knowledge and skills needed to perform nail lacquer and art application in a nail care situation.	Aligned ODEW Human Services Content Standard Outcomes Outcome 3.1 Environmental Interventions Outcome 3.2 Principles of Infection Control Outcome 5.1 Nail Care Above Outcomes can be found in the following ODEW courses: 174115 – Microbiology and Infection Control 174145 – Hand and Foot Fundamentals and Enhancements
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