The College of Cape Town’s Beauty Therapy Department is fully accredited to offer the International Therapy Examination Council (ITEC) qualifications. ITEC has been awarding high quality and respected industry qualifications since 1947. It is now one of the world’s leading and most successful awarding bodies specialising in the Beauty and Complementary Therapy sectors. In 2011 ITEC awarded over 38 000 Certifications in over 38 countries.

ITEC offers one of the largest beauty qualification portfolios including qualifications for employability, specialist subjects and skills enhancement leading to Continuous Professional Development (CPD). The College of Cape Town with ITEC ensures that the qualifications obtained from the institution have global recognition and that they meet the quality standards as required, both nationally and internationally.

The Beauty Therapy ITEC qualification commences at Level 2 to allow access to those that have successfully completed Grade 9. This three-year qualification offers the prospective student an opportunity to gain theoretical, practical and integrated college and industry work experience thereby ensuring readiness for employment. The qualification offers a structured work placement component. After each level the student will acquire various new skills sets and competencies whilst building on previously acquired knowledge and experience.

Career Options
What will I be qualified as once I’ve completed this course?
Beauty Specialist in Facial, Body and Complementary Therapies

What will I be able to do?
- Manicures and Pedicures
- Basic and Advanced Facial Skin Care
- Themed Face Painting
- Swedish and Seated Massage
- Indian Head Massage
- Eyelash Extensions
- Electrical Body Treatments
- Hot Stone Therapy
- Facial Electrical Treatments
- Maintain Health and Safety in the Salon
- First Aid
- Salon Receptionist Duties
- Photographic Make-up
- Basic Make-up Application
- Waxing Services
- Basic and Advanced Nail Art
- Threading
- Nail Technology
- Spa Treatments
- Retail Displays in the salon
- Salon Business Practice

In which industries will I be able to work?
Upon completion of your ITEC Diploma Level 5, you will be able to work in any service-orientated industry that requires the services of a qualified Beauty Therapist or someone skilled in dealing with customers, e.g. beauty salons on cruise liners, health spas, hotels, your own business, industry-related consultancy, industry-related sales and marketing, lecturing at an industry-related educational/training institution.

What could I do to further improve my skills and my chances of furthering my career?
After completing this qualification you will be able to either start your own business within the industry or become employed and work towards promotion within your career by working within your field of study. As with any other career, you would need to work hard to prove your skills and abilities, be dedicated and be prepared to continue learning throughout your career. You can further your studies in advanced therapies offered by ITEC by attending College on a part-time basis. The Beauty Therapy sector is a dynamic industry with constant changes so it is up to all aspiring therapists to ensure that they remain relevant to latest trends.
Programme Structure
What will I be studying during this course?

LEVEL 2 (YEAR 1)
- Introduction to the Hair and Beauty Sector
- Create and Maintain Retail Displays in the Salon
- Salon Reception Duties
- Seated Massage
- The Art of Photographic Make-up
- Create a Hair and Beauty Image
- Working with Others in the Hair and Beauty Sector
- Follow Health and Safety in the Salon
- Providing Basic Manicures and Pedicures
- Basic Facial Skin Care
- Basic Application of Make-up
- Themed Face Painting
- Case studies for Basic Nail Art
- Computer Literacy

Enrichment Courses Year 1
- First Aid
- Community and Corporate work/events
- Various cosmetic house product training

LEVEL 3 (YEAR 2)
- Advanced Facial Skin Care
- Advanced Manicure and Pedicure
- Nail Technology
- Eyelash Extensions (Short course)
- Salon Practice
- Case studies for all practical subjects
- Advanced Make-up
- Waxing
- Threading (Short course)
- Hot Stone Therapy (Short course)
- Anatomy & Physiology I
- Business Awareness and Professional Conduct

Enrichment Courses Year 2
- Various new and advanced cosmetic house product training
- Community and Corporate work/events

LEVEL 5 (YEAR 3)
- Electrical Body Treatments I+II
- Swedish Massage
- Nail Art (Basic and Advanced)
- Spa Treatments
- Indian Head Massage
- Community and Corporate work/events
- Facial Electrical Treatments
- Anatomy and Physiology II
- Body Treatments I+II
- Case studies for all practical subjects
- Salon Practice
- Various new and advanced cosmetic house product training

Admission Requirements
What do I need to have completed before I can apply to study this course?
- Grade 9 or equivalent for entry into Level 2
- Passed ITEC Level 2 for entry into Level 3
- Passed ITEC Level 3 for entry into Level 5
- Students must meet the personality profile of a prospective Beauty Therapy Candidate.
- Students must be physically fit.

Students will be required to complete a competency test for literacy and numeracy, a placement test and undergo an individual interview process to assess suitability prior to acceptance.

Duration
- 3 years full-time
- Enrolment in January

(Part-time - Not available)