




SkillsUSA® Contest Scope

Contest:	Nail Technology
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Contest Location: 	Reading Muhlenberg CTC 2615 Warren Rd. Reading, PA 19604 Phone: 610-921-7300
Purpose:	To evaluate each contestant's preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in the Nail Technology
Clothing:	Contestant Attire: White top/blouse/shirt with black dress pants or appropriate length skirt, black socks or black/nude seamless hose, and black leather closed- toe shoes. Model Attire: Businesslike white collarless blouse, black slacks or appropriate length skirt, black socks or black/nude seamless hose and black closed toe shoes. Must be professional dress, no jeans or yoga pants.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS:

Provided by the Host School:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tables 2. 2 Chairs 3. One electrical outlet per contestant 4. Water and hand soap 5. Barbicide spray 6. Hand Sanitizer 7. Paper
Provided by the Contestant:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live model wearing no jewelry on hands • White terry towels-no holes or stains • Disposable towels for table • No mix and match of chemicals. (The same manufacturer must be used for acrylic steps. All gel overlay products must be from the same manufacturer.) • All necessary items to complete 2 French sculptured acrylic nails (white and pink)

Note: Dappen dishes must have covers

- All necessary items to complete 2 light cured gel overlays, including the UV light.
- All items to complete 4 flat nail art nails with a theme (may include lacquer, polish, paint, and Topcoat)

Note: **No premade items may be used**

- A typed description of the nail art theme. Due at registration in an 8.5 x 11 plastic sleeve
- All items to complete 5 nails with the application of basecoat, 2 coats of dark red polish and a topcoat
- Water dispenser
- Portable kit to transport items to contest area.
- Blood spill kit
- One gallon bag for disposal of trash
- Safety goggles for competitor and model
- All items necessary to complete contest in a safe and sanitary manner

There will be a kit check at the start of the contest. If a contestant forgets a chemical or tool necessary to perform a component of the contest, they will not be allowed to participate in that portion of the contest and will receive a score of zero. For safety reasons borrowing products from other contestants will NOT be allowed.

SCOPE OF CONTEST:

Competitors will be required to test their skills in the following areas:

There will be a 3-hour time limit for the competition completion.

- **20 QUESTION TEST- (20 min)** on any aspect of nails will be given at the end of the competition. The best score/grade will be used to break a tie if it exists.

Initial Preparation/Table Set Up

- Set up items needed for the specific contest application in progress.
- Time will be allowed between each contest to reset the table.
- Cleanliness and organization will be evaluated throughout the contest.
- Infection control and safety procedures will be evaluated throughout the contest.
- All products and solutions must be properly identified with the manufacturers original packaging and label.
- Required tools and products must be accounted for and professionally organized.
- No jewelry is to be worn during the competition (rings, watches, or bracelets)

Acrylic Application (30 minutes)

- Complete 2 fingers of one hand with acrylic application using forms, **NO TIPS**, two tone French manicure pink and white technique (white powder for the free edge and pink for the nail plate)
- Evaluation is based on:
 - Initial degree of difficulty – based on the condition and characteristics of the natural nails.
 - Acrylic application-product control, no bubbles, smile line, c-curve arch, thinness, and continuity.
 - Finished appearance- smoothness, shape, and length consistent and proportionate to hand, finished appearance with a high gloss shine product close to the cuticle but not touching the skin.

Tip and Light Cured Gel Overlay (30 minutes)

- Complete 2 fingers on the same hand as the acrylic application.
- Natural colors or white tips applied and then overlaid with a light cured gel system. The contestant may use any combination of white, pink, or clear sculptured gels. GEL POLISH is NOT allowed.
- The following will be evaluated:
 - Tip application: fit and alignment
 - Consistent length and shape
 - The length looks balanced on the model's hand
 - The edges of the nail are smooth, even, and clean.
 - The smile lines are clean, symmetrical, and consistent.
 - The gel product free from air bubbles and pits
 - The gel product is close to the cuticle, but not touching the skin.

- The color of the product is consistent
- The skin is free from products
- The top and bottom surfaces of the nails are smoothed and contoured.
- The finished appearance complements the models' hands and there are no scratches. The nails are cleaned (free of dust) with a high gloss shine.

Background color for Nail Art Application (10 minutes)

1. Background color is applied to the 4 nails on the hand with acrylic and gel overlay.
2. 10 minutes to apply polish

Red Polish Application (20 minutes)

- A dark red polish is applied to pre-manicured hand. (Hand not used for acrylic and gel overlays)
- 20 minutes to apply base coat, 2 coats of red polish and topcoat to all 5 nails
- The following will be evaluated:
 - Coverage
 - Neatness
 - Evenness
 - Cuticle involvement

Wearable Flat Nail Art (45 minutes)

Display your **TYPED** Description of the nail art theme IN A PLASTIC SLEEVE. Diagrams or displays of nail art design may be used however, these are limited to the finished product and **cannot** be step-by-step instructions.

- Nail art is to be applied to 4 nails that have been previously polished with a background color completion time 45 minutes.
- A specific theme is to be carried out through all 4 nails
- The following will be evaluated:
 - Creativity
 - Theme
 - Follow through of theme
 - Color coordination
 - Level of difficulty
 - Complexity of design
 - Precision
 - Neatness
 - Clarity
 - Typed description of theme in a plastic sleeve

Topcoat may be applied to seal flat nail art.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Anything else competitors may need to know:

- Students will not be permitted to use the Internet or printed materials for reference.

Safety Requirements

- All implements and supplies used must be clean and sanitary.
- The contestant is expected to demonstrate sanitation and infection control before beginning procedures.
- All contestants must follow infection control and safety procedures throughout the contest.

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED

- **CELL PHONES** or other electronic devices, including **SMART WATCHES**. If found on the contestant or model the contestant will be disqualified.
- Oils, lotions or buffing crème
- No 3-D nail art, air brushing, add-ons, or premade materials (including gems, feathers, skins, rhinestones, glitter, threads, fabrics, foils, beads, tape, decals, stencils, cast molding)
- Topcoat and base coats (except for nail art)
- No gel polishes
- Free edge or white tip
- Electric drills
- Tip blenders

Special Instructions: Disqualification or Penalty Points taken will occur for the following:

- A rule not followed with NO exceptions!
- Leaving the competition area before a completion of the model without an escort (applies to the contestant and the model)
- Any product that appears to be altered
- There will be no conversation between contestant and model or any talking on the floor once the competition has started.
- Safety violations that put the contestant or model at risk
- Missing required tools or chemicals
- Both the contestant and the model should exhibit professionalism in their appearance and behavior.
- Contestants are not permitted to touch their models after they have been seated in the competition area, until the competition begins.
- The host school and judges reserve the right to check all toolboxes and/or materials prior to the contest. Any tools deemed questionable and would give an unfair advantage to a contestant will not be permitted and will be discarded prior to the start of the competition.