MANICURIST

Job Description:

**Manicurists** work exclusively on grooming and painting fingernails. Nail grooming includes cleaning and cutting both fingernails and cuticles. A successful **manicurist** is detail oriented, has strong customer service skills, and upholds safety and sanitary standards. Manicurists are expected to provide nail and hand services to customers on a daily basis. This can include basic or specialty manicures, hand massages, hot-oil therapy, nail repair, or nail wraps. It’s also customary for a manicurist to evaluate the condition of a customer’s nails in case they need to offer any advice on healthy care habits.

Job Responsibilities:

* Clean, trim, and paint nails in a nail salon or spa.
* Use emery boards, clippers, and scissors to file, trim, and shape nails into requested shape.
* Perform initial consultation to ascertain client's wants and needs.
* Determine if infection or breakdown of skin exists.
* Soak nails in soap or solution.
* Wipe off old polish.
* Apply softening gel to cuticles.
* Push back cuticles with stick and trim if needed.
* Apply fake nails, colorful designs, or French manicures.
* Sell nail care products and colors.
* Shape nails carefully and trim ragged edges.
* Apply top, bottom, and finishing coats.
* Dry nails to clients' satisfaction.
* Ensure each nail is dry and problems are fixed before client leaves salon.
* Soak all instruments and disinfect properly.
* Apply acrylic or gel nails.
* Pull off acrylic and help repair damaged nails.
* Buff and polish nails.
* Give hand massages and paraffin treatments.
* Rub lotion over hands and arms.
* Offer pedicures to clients who wish to get their toes trimmed and polished.
* Perform hot oil treatments.
* Sanitize pedicure tubs and manicure station.

Job Qualifications:

* Associates or diploma in cosmetology required
* Work experience as a manicurist

Opportunities as a manicurist are available for high school graduates without experience in which more than one manicurist is needed in an area such that an experienced manicurist will be present to mentor.

Job Skills Required:

* Working knowledge of skin and nail pathologies
* Working knowledge of infection and infection prevention
* A professional attitude and appearance
* Strong written and verbal communication skills
* Ability to be resourceful and proactive when issues arise
* Strong organizational skills
* Multitasking and time-management skills
* Ability to prioritize tasks
* Customer service oriented
* Respect for client, customer, and visitor confidentiality