



## ITEC Level 3 Diploma in Anatomy, Physiology & Pathology Rationale

### Aims and objectives

The Level 3 Diploma in Anatomy, Physiology & Pathology is the 'foundation' upon which all other Complementary, Beauty and Sports Therapy awards are based. It is comprised of several units encompassing all systems of the body.

It is essential for therapists to have a sound understanding of anatomy and physiology, as they will be working in direct contact with the body structures. It is also vital that they have a comprehensive knowledge of diseases and disorders of the human body so that they are aware of when and when not to treat a client, and only operate within certain parameters.

The ITEC Level 3 Diploma in Anatomy, Physiology & Pathology is comprised of 2 mandatory units as detailed below:

QCF Unit Number	ITEC Unit Number	Technical Unit Title	Guided Learning Hours (GLH)
<u>T/501/9101</u>	346	Knowledge of Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology for Complementary Therapies	90
<u>D/501/9111</u>	347	Knowledge of Less Common Pathology for Complementary Therapies	30
<b>Total Guided Learning Hours</b>			<b>120</b>

Recommended Guided learning hours – 120

42 learner credits based on 420 learning hours (1 credit per 10 learning hours)

It also aims:

- to provide skills at Level 3 in the Qualifications and Credit Framework for those interested in the Beauty, Complementary Therapy and Sports sectors
- to provide opportunities for staff in the Beauty, Complementary Therapy and Sports sectors to gain a Level 3 qualification
- to sustain the interest of candidates wanting to work in the Beauty, Complementary Therapy and Sports sectors
- to encourage knowledge and understanding of the Beauty, Complementary Therapy and Sports sectors at Level 3
- to provide opportunities for candidates to focus on the development of the major Key skills and the wider Key skills in a Therapy context, such as communicating with clients, working with others and problem solving
- to provide opportunities for candidates to develop a range of skills and techniques, personal qualities and attitudes essential for successful performance in employment as a Beauty, Complementary or Sports Therapist
- to meet the National Occupational Standards and core curriculum of the regulatory bodies at the time of accreditation

## Assessment

This qualification will be internally and externally assessed. All units are mandatory.

QCF Unit Number	ITEC Unit Number	Technical Unit Title	Assessment	Grading
<u>T/501/9101</u>	346	Knowledge of Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology for Complementary Therapies	Multiple choice theory test – ONLINE or paper	Pass – 50-74% Merit – 75-89% Distinction –90-100%
<u>D/501/9111</u>	347	Knowledge of Less Common Pathology for Complementary Therapies	Assignment	Pass or refer

## Grading of the qualification

- The multiple choice theory question paper is externally assessed and graded Pass, Merit or Distinction.
- Assignments are graded pass or refer.
- If a candidate is unsuccessful in any area, they will be reassessed only in the element where they have not achieved a pass grade, for which they will be referred.
- Referrals should be completed within one year of the original assessment. The remainder of the results will stay in the ITEC system until all assignments and assessments have been allocated a pass grade.
- Candidates must achieve a pass grade in all underpinning knowledge unit assessments and assignments to achieve the ITEC Level 3 Diploma in Anatomy, Physiology & Pathology (see assessment table above).

## Recommended prior learning

It is recommended that candidates have achieved a level of education equivalent to five GCSEs at grades A\*-C prior to commencing the ITEC Level 3 Diploma in Anatomy, Physiology & Pathology; however exemptions may be made for adult returners with experience of the work place.

## Opportunities for progression

Once candidates have achieved the ITEC Level 3 Diploma in Anatomy, Physiology & Pathology they may progress on to other ITEC or equivalent awards at Level 3, for example:

- Massage
- Aromatherapy
- Reflexology
- On Site Massage
- Indian Head Massage
- Lymphatic Drainage
- Thai Massage
- Infant and Child Massage

These qualifications above qualify graduates to operate their own clinic or home visiting practice. Graduates can also gain employment in Health Clubs, Health Farms, Company Health Clinics, Spas and Liners and various aspects of the Care Industry.

## Relationship to National Occupational Standards (NOS)

ITEC has mapped to National Occupational Standards where they exist and any appropriate Core Curricula. ITEC has ensured that best practice in the workplace has been reflected in the syllabus. ITEC has linked the qualification to the relative job roles as well as ensuring that the syllabus reflects the required level of knowledge and ability for the therapist at Level 3.