

Beginner Gel Nail Enhancement Course

Gel nails are quickly gaining popularity in the nail enhancement industry. They require UV light in order to cure to a hard, shiny finish and are applied differently than liquid & powder (acrylic) systems, although gel is itself a form of acrylic. There is no odour, and no mixing of products together. Gels are lightweight yet strong when applied correctly. Gels come in a variety of formats and this course will cover the application of traditional, hard gels using Onyx Beauty Systems. Traditional gels are the foundation to strong, thin nail extensions and overlays.

This course is taught by Laura Merzetti, Onyx Beauty Systems Educator.

Prerequisite: Current or previous experience as a nail technician or completion of a nail technology or manicuring / esthetics course (proof required). *This course will not teach the basics of Nail Technology.*

Course Contents:

Student Manual "The Handbook"

Student Kit which includes:

- Onyx Master Kit (15 ml each of Complete, Sculpt, Edge Bright, Edge Purely Natural, Pinky Blush & Pinky Natural gels, First & Last, Prime Acid Free, Oil, Sani Dust brush, clear tips, transparent forms, adhesive, files, wipes, Prime Art Brush, Sable 5 Oval brush, Onyx product knowledge)
- Onyx Implement Kit (Pushy, Nippers, Cut, Tip-Off) nail clippers
- Professional UV Hand Lamp (36 watt tunnel lamp)
- Hand Sanitizer

Theory and Practical Exam

Upon successful passing of both exams, students receive:

- Certificate of Beginner Gel Training
- Certificate of Product Knowledge from Onyx Beauty Systems

Cost: \$999.00 + HST

This course is a total of 4 days, held on Mondays. Models are necessary and their hands should be free of any cuts, abrasions, or infections. Models cannot be nail biters, and they must arrive in class with no artificial nail products on their nails. ***Models cannot be other nail technicians or estheticians.*** Your models must be reliable and able to attend your training session during the times required. They may or may not leave with a full set of nails depending on pace of training.

Day 1: Morning - review of “the Handbook” answers to facilitate theory portion of course.
Afternoon - set up station, product knowledge, prep and overlay on natural nails.
Class: 9:30 – 4:30 (Lunch 12:30 – 1:30 pm)
No model required

Day 2: Morning – tip application, gel overlay, finishing on one hand
Afternoon – form placement, sculpting and finishing on the other hand
Class: 9:30 – 4:30 (Lunch 12:30 – 1:30 pm)
Model required entire day

-----Two Week Break -----

Day 3: Morning – prep nails for fills/rebalance using hand files
Afternoon – fill/rebalance gel nails and troubleshooting
Class: 9:30 – 4:30 (Lunch 12:30 – 1:30 pm)
Model required entire day (MUST be same model as Day 2)

-----Six Week Break -----

Day 4: Morning – Theory Exam (2 hours)
Afternoon – Practical Exam (2.5 hours)
Class: 9:30 – 4:30 (Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 pm)
Model required from 1:00 – 4:00 pm and may be your previous model or somebody new.

Pass is 75 percent on both theory and practical exam.

Deposit of \$400.00 + HST is required upon registration, and must be paid a minimum of 4 weeks in advance. This secures your spot in class and allows us to order your student kit and training manual which you will be required to study prior to Day 1. Remainder of course fee (\$599.00 + HST) must be paid upon commencement of the first day of class. *Deposits are non-refundable.*

Once all 3 days of instruction are completed, students will then be required to practice ‘at home’ and do as many sets as possible in order to prepare themselves for the practical exam, which will be scheduled no earlier than 6 weeks later. Prior to the exam, if a student feels they need help in any area, they are welcome to book extra time with the instructor at an additional reasonable cost. Class sizes are deliberately small to ensure students receive individual attention. Students are welcome to take notes and bring a camera (strongly suggested).

Important Notes:

Deposits are non-refundable. Please understand the requirements of the course before paying your deposit. A model is necessary on Day 2 & Day 3 (same model, with the same nails) and also required for the practical portion of your exam on Day 4 (2.5 hours) – may be a different model if you choose.

This is a very intense course, with a high level of participation required by the student. Students should plan to have access to models on which to practice away from class. The Nail Trainer device, while not required, is definitely helpful to encourage practice any time of the day or night. Nail Trainers will be available for purchase at a student price through the studio.

The course is designed to offer the most amount of education at a reasonable cost. Your manual will include very specific step-by-step instructions and will be a valuable resource for you long after you complete the course. No amount of hands-on instruction however, will take the place of practice. Your course will give you the backbone of basic gel nail enhancements but you as the student must understand that you will master the application only through practice.

Troubleshooting advice is available to students by phone or email, even after you finish your course, for one full year, but is limited only to what you have been taught in the course. If you would like to learn advanced techniques, you may book a one-on-one mentoring day or sign up for an advanced class. For more information on this or any other education opportunities, please contact the studio at 905-443-6482 or laura@scratchmyback.ca

I look forward to helping you achieve your goals and enhance your career as a Gel Nail Technician!

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