

Scope of Practice for Eyelash Extension Technicians
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1. After the necessary 50 hours of training, via DPH approved facility and/or other accepted qualifications, and obtaining a license to be considered an Eyelash Extension Technician in Connecticut the following is requested to be the Scope of Practice for Eyelash Extension Specialists :

Eyelash Extension services are applying individual synthetic PBT (Polybutylene Terephthalate) material. This soft, flexible, light weight material is used because of its ability to withstand heat and retain its shape and curl. Real animal furs are also used such as mink. Requesting real mink to be banned due to animal cruelty and risk for cross contamination possibly leading to infection of the human eye.

Eyelash services include:

Classic Extensions are individual PBT material in the diameters (weight) .10- .12 .15 .18 max applied to each individual natural lash. These come in multiple shapes and curls and colors. Weight and Diameters should never exceed .18 in order to protect the integrity of the health of the natural lashes. The advanced techniques for applying lash extensions is called Capping, Stacking and Russian Volume where multiple extensions are applied to the natural lash creating a fuller look. Pre-made fans or clusters contain existing dried adhesive which will cause damage (chronic inflammation) by adding extra weight to the natural lash. Capping, Stacking and Russian Volume is a very skilled technique accomplished by using fresh adhesive and applying ONLY what each natural lash can safely hold.

“Eyelash Extension Technician” means a person, who compensation performs individual eyelash extensions, eyelash lifts or perms and eyelash color tints, and has been historically performed by estheticians with proper training and certification.

The objective and priority of Eyelash Extension Technicians is to safely enhance the appearance of the natural lashes while maintaining the health and integrity of the natural lashes. Eyelash Extension Technician must know how to avoid possible infections, maintain a safe, sanitary and comfortable environment for clients. They must prioritize educating each client on proper at home care (hygiene) to prevent possible infections. Having knowledge of anatomy and physiology of the eye, common infections and common diseases of the eye, symptoms cause, treatment options (refer to the eye doctor) and emergency preparedness. They must know the lash cycle, how to customize design properly and safely remove lashes with lash extension approved products. Eyelash Extension Technicians should be limited to ONLY applying and safely removing eyelash extensions. Lash lifts ONLY when trained and approved by an accredited company or school. Individuals that have been previously trained in Lash Lift only CANNOT practice Lash Extension application without completing the required 50 hours of training as it is a completely different certification.

Eyelash Extension Technicians should carry their own liability insurance or be covered under an employers liability coverage to be approved for licensing.

The following is what an eyelash extension technician CANNOT practice as of December 2019: waxing, brow tint, skin care, or body treatments of any kind.

2. Improper training or application of sanitation practices may result in injury, infections, as well as the spread of communicable diseases. Due to this possibility, the following sanitation practices fall under the Scope of Practice for Eyelash Extension Technicians:

- A. Proper hand washing
- B. Use of personal protective equipment, including black carbon masks and disposable gloves as a barrier against infectious material when indicated.
- C. Cleansing lashes prior to treatment with disposable tools (i.e. sponge tip applicators, single use brushes,) Also, having clients head lay on a paper towel or approved S.M.A (Sanitized Material Area) in order to avoid cross contamination.
- D. Immediate disposal of all single use articles or supplies that in came in direct contact with the individuals skin, in a covered waste receptacle.
- E. All articles that can be effectively cleaned or sanitized must follow the directions of the hospital- grades cleaner to be used, or sanitizing device or solution including proper storage of sanitized items.
- F. Proper cleansing and sanitizing of lash trays and tweezers used in services after each client.
- G. Use of hospital-grade cleaner to clean the area and materials used after each client, including; chairs, armrests, headrests, work space, tables, countertops, trays, seats, doorknobs, and sink handles.
- H. Availability of hot or cold water hand washing sink in close proximity of the are of client treatments.
- I. First aid kit ready available in each room: Distilled water, Eye Wash, and Benadryl.

3. N/A -there is no third party billing applicable to esthetic procedures.

4. The impact the Scope of Practice that would have on the general public is; with proper training an Eyelash Extension Technician many times will see lashes with may indicate the person be advised to seek professional/medical help; such as build up of makeup or sebum, dust and debris, or even another eye problem enhances public safety as well.

5. Connecticut will require training of 50 hours to obtain an Eyelash Extension technician license as of 2020. With he recent passing of a law for esthetician's to be licensed and the conditions of obtaining a license will assist to ensure the training and education of an esthetician (Although, continued training is advisable)

6.The DPH both state and local departments will be overseeing the Eyelash Extension technician.

7. In most states, eyelash technicians must be either a medical professional or a licensed barber, cosmetologist or esthetician. ... If a person does not live in a state that issues a specific eyelash technician license, they have to choose between completing a training program in cosmetology or esthetics.

8. Currently, until June 2019, there was no law or requirements to perform Eyelash Extension technician in the state of Connecticut. Per 5066 June 2019, 50 hours training or 2 years continual practice of esthetics in Connecticut or another licensed state by 7/1/2020.

9. In the past 5+ years, there has not been any enacted scope of practice or requests to my knowledge for estheticians.

10. N/A There is no measurable application to determine if this will have economic affect.

11. Connecticut is presently one of the only states in the country (besides Alabama, Delaware, Idaho, Maryland, Missouri, Wisconsin) which has no requirements to offer eyelash extension services.

a. Massachusetts -eyelash technicians must be either a medical professional or a licensed barber, cosmetologist or esthetician. .

b. New York - The State of NY requires that in order to perform makeup and eyelash serviced for a fee, a cosmetology or esthetics license is required. The exception applies to theater, the performing arts, sales and volunteer services.

c. California - Cosmetologist, Esthetician, those working under physicians.

d. Florida - Cosmetologist, Esthetician, Full Specialist, Facial Specialist, Medical License

12. The affect the passage of licensing of Eyelash Extension Technicians will have will give more credibility to the profession, possible higher wages, and overall better oversight of sanitation and health practices to better protect the general public, as well as eyelash extension technicians themselves.

13. The request for the scope of practice for eyelash extension technicians will assist eyelash extension technicians in making better choices for their education, services and performance of their duties, as well as knowing what they can and cannot offer their clients in places of employment. Further, this request for eyelash extension technicians , with proper training and equipment, will enable them not only to earn a competitive income, but also, more importantly, give their clients the optimum and safest results possible under their license.