



2026 Territorial Skills Competition Contest Description

Aesthetics

Secondary

Date: April 16, 2026, 8:00 A.M.

Location: Yukon University, Gym

Duration of contest: 6 Hours

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1. SKILLS FOR SUCCESS FOR CAREERS IN SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

The Government of Canada has updated the previous Essential Skills framework to the new Skills for Success model in response to the evolving labour market and changing skill requirements. This model outlines nine fundamental skills Canadians need to thrive in work, education, training, and daily life.

Skills/Compétences Canada aims to highlight the importance of these skills, vital for success in trade and technology careers. Competitors can see how Skills for Success are integrated into contest descriptions, projects, and project documents. Recognizing these skills during the competition helps competitors match tasks with specific skills necessary for success and understand how these skills apply within their trade or technology programs and future careers.

The nine key Skills for Success, validated for workplace success, are:

1. Numeracy
2. Communication
3. Collaboration
4. Adaptability
5. Reading
6. Writing
7. Problem Solving
8. Creativity and Innovation
9. Digital

2. CONTEST INTRODUCTION

2.1. Description of the associated work role(s) or occupation(s):

https://www.skillscompetencescanada.com/en/skill_area/aesthetics/

2.2. Purpose of the Challenge

This competition aims to showcase and elevate the skills, creativity, and professionalism of aestheticians. It provides a platform for participants to demonstrate their expertise in manicures, fostering a spirit of excellence and innovation within the industry. Through rigorous assessment by industry experts, these competitions not only celebrate outstanding talent but also set high standards, inspire continued education, and highlight emerging trends. Ultimately, they contribute to the advancement and recognition of the beauty therapy profession while demonstrating professionalism and complying with occupational health and safety.

2.3. Duration of Contest

Competition duration will not exceed 3 hours. Competitors will begin at 9:00AM and have until 12:00PM to complete all of their tasks, including tidying their work

station. Competitors will be given an hour break for lunch provided by Skills Canada Yukon.

2.4. Skills and Knowledge to be Tested

- Professional presentation
- Technical skills
- Organizational skills
- Communication
- Product knowledge and control
- Sanitation
- Compliance with health and safety
- Creativity, complexity, and originality

2.5. Project Description

Nail Tips Design - Galaxy & Mystery Themes

Competitors will begin by designing 10 nail tips on a nail tip holder. In this creative and technical nail competition, participants will showcase their skills through a two-part challenge combining nail tip design and live model application, using only the tools and products provided by Sponsor TBA.

Competitors will begin by designing 10 nail tips with a Galaxy theme. After completing the nail tips, competitors will perform a dry manicure on a live model, demonstrating proper technique in clipping, filing, buffing, and cuticle work. They will then apply all 10 pre-designed tips, ensuring a balanced, cohesive presentation.

Specific times are allocated for check points after each task within the manicure. Judging occurs throughout each task. Judges must check the models prior to the start of any treatment.

3. EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL, CLOTHING

3.1. Equipment and material provided by Skills Canada Yukon:

- Manicure product & supplies (sponsor to be determined)
- LED/UV Lamps
- Polish remover/acetone
- Nail dehydrator
- File 180/240
- File 180/100
- Orangewood sticks
- Mini pink buffers
- Cuticle remover
- Base & top coat gel polish

- Assorted gel polish
- Nail art kits (see posted documents for examples)
- Gems (assorted sizes)
- Gem Gel
- Foil (silver and gold)
- Glitter (silver and gold)
- Pigment (flakes) iridescent
- Wax tool (Gem tool)
- Fine detail art brush
- Nail Tips
- Nail 2-way stickers
- Nail Tip holder
- Nail glue
- 3D gems
- Star gem
- Sponges
- Acrylic paint assorted colors
- Tweezers
- Dotter
- Nail tip holder
- Nail glue
- Lint free nail wipes

3.2. Required Clothing Provided by the Competitor

- Black clothing, professional wear
 - No crop tops, low cut tops, and overly casual or street style clothing
- No open toe shoes
- No jewelry
- Long hair must be tidy and tied back and off the collar and face

4. HEALTH & SAFETY

4.1. Safety Orientation

During orientation, Competitors will participate in a Safety workshop and they will be expected to work and maintain a safe working area during the competition.

List of required personal protective equipment (PPE) provided by Skills Canada Yukon:

- Eye wash
- First aid kit
- Masks
- Gloves

NOTE: Competitors who do not have the required protective equipment/clothing will not be allowed to participate in the competition

4.2. Field Level Risk Assessment

SCY will complete a Field Level Risk Assessment for every competition area in addition to a full walkthrough with a representative from Yukon Workers Safety and Compensation Board to identify potential hazards and create solutions. The primary goal of an FLRA is to identify and mitigate potential risks to ensure the safety of competitors.

5. ASSESSMENT

5.1. Point Breakdown

TASK	/100
Preparation of nail tips	/25
Nail art design	/25
Dry Manicure on client	/25
Application of custom tips	/25

5.2. Qualifying for the Skills Canada National Competition

Competitors can secure a win in their specific competitions by demonstrating exceptional skills and abilities, and meeting or exceeding established evaluation criteria. However, qualification for the Skills Canada National Competition is not solely determined by winning at the territorial level.

The decision to advance further depends on additional factors, such as the National Technical Committee's (NTC) assessment and/or the judges' discretion, which may take into account specific criteria beyond just event performance. These additional criteria could encompass a competitor's adherence to safety protocols, ethical conduct, teamwork, or overall professionalism, ensuring that those who represent the Territory at the national level not only excel in their technical skills but also embody the values and standards upheld by Skills Canada.

***Please note:** Not all territorial contest areas are eligible for the Skills Canada National Competition. Please refer to the SCNC website to determine if your skill area/level is eligible to compete.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

6.1. Competition Rules

Refer to the competition rules of the Skills Canada Yukon Territorial Competition which can be found on our website.

6.2. Ties

Tiebreaker #1: In the event of a tie, the candidate with the highest safety score will be declared the winner.

Tiebreaker #2: If a tie still remains, the competitor with the highest score in the Dry Manicure will be declared the winner.

6.3. Accessibility & Accommodations

Skills Canada Yukon is committed to providing a barrier-free environment which allows everyone to participate in our programs and competitions. We strive to be fully inclusive to all manner of disabilities and identities. SCY provides the opportunity for any competitor to disclose a disability on our competition registration form. Requests for accommodations must be made at least 3 weeks prior to the competition date.

7. NATIONAL & TERRITORIAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

7.1. The Yukon National Technical Committee member for Aesthetics is Ammanda Partridge. Email: info@yukonestheticsschool.com

7.2. Please contact yukon@skillscanada.com with questions or concerns related to the competition.