

Pre-Requisites for Training Providers

IPHM Beauty | What You Need Before You Apply

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Becoming accredited with IPHM Beauty provides formal recognition of both your expertise and the quality of your courses. Accreditation ensures that your training meets recognised professional standards, while giving your students the assurance that their qualifications are respected and credible within the industry.

Submitting Your Course Materials

In order to obtain IPHM Beauty accreditation, both you and your course materials will be subject to evaluation. A full copy of each course you wish to have accredited must be submitted, which may include:

- Written coursework and training manuals
- Lesson plans and learning outcomes
- Recorded training sessions where relevant

All submissions are treated with strict confidentiality, will not be retained on file, and will be permanently deleted after assessment. It is your responsibility to ensure that all materials are original or supported by appropriate copyright permissions. By applying, you confirm that you hold full copyright ownership of the content provided.

Course Structure and Delivery

Accredited courses must:

- Begin with a clear introduction and outline of learning objectives
- Include assessments to measure progress and competence — minimum 20 questions with a minimum 80% pass rate
- Require students to complete a minimum of five case studies, with at least one reviewed by the training provider before awarding the qualification
- Ensure final qualifications are only awarded after adequate evaluation
- For online training courses: a minimum of 30 hours of study time is required when offering a certified qualification
- Invasive aesthetics cannot be taught solely online. Theory elements may be delivered online but all practical training must be completed face-to-face before certification is awarded
- Where theory-only training is provided, certificates must clearly state Theory Only

Trainer Qualification Requirements

The trainer delivering a course must hold at least the same level of qualification as a practitioner would need to practice the treatments being taught. The following minimum requirements apply by tier.

Tier 1 — Standard Beauty Treatments

Trainers must hold a Level 3 beauty therapy qualification or equivalent relevant to the treatments being taught, plus a minimum of 12 months professional experience. A Level 3 teaching qualification is also required (AET, VTCT Teaching, IPHM Teaching, or equivalent).

Tier 2 — Advanced Aesthetics (Non-Medical)

Trainers must hold a Level 3 beauty therapy qualification plus a Level 4 Diploma in Advanced Aesthetics relevant to the treatments being taught. For laser and IPL courses: Core of Knowledge laser safety qualification required in addition. For semi-permanent makeup: specialist qualification in the specific technique. A Level 3 teaching qualification is also required.

Tier 3 — Medical Aesthetics and Injectables

Trainers delivering Tier 3 courses must be registered healthcare professionals (GMC, GDC, NMC, or GPhC) AND hold an Ofqual-regulated Level 7 Diploma in Clinical Aesthetic Injectable Therapies from a recognised awarding body (OTHM, VTCT, or ProQual). The IPHM transitional arrangement for Level 7 does not apply to training providers — trainers must already hold the Level 7 before delivering injectable courses. CPD certificates and weekend courses are not equivalent.

Tattooist Trainers

To provide tattoo or tattoo removal training, providers must hold: Level 5 VTCT in Laser Tattoo Removal, a minimum of 6 months professional experience, a valid Tattoo Artist Licence, appropriate insurance, and a Level 3 Teaching Qualification.

Training Affiliates and Educators

If your courses are delivered by affiliates or associate trainers, they must be registered with IPHM as sub-educators. Application links can be provided upon request. If you employ other trainers to deliver your courses under your name, they must be listed on your application. You are responsible for ensuring they hold the correct qualifications and competencies to deliver training on your behalf.

Insurance Requirements

All training providers must hold valid teaching insurance in order to deliver accredited courses. This includes:

- Professional indemnity insurance covering the treatments being taught
- Public liability insurance covering students training on models
- Employers liability insurance if you employ staff or tutors
- If you do not currently hold insurance, this must be arranged within 7 days of accreditation
- Insurance requirements may vary depending on your country of residence and local regulations — it is your responsibility to ensure you hold appropriate coverage in line with both IPHM standards and local laws

Providers may access discounted insurance rates via IPHM affiliates — visit iphmbeauty.com/resources/insurance for a quote.

Record Keeping, Health and Safety

Training providers must maintain professional standards in both documentation and safe practice. This includes:

- Keeping accurate student records including attendance, assessment results, and completed case studies. Recommended minimum retention period: 3 years.
- Providing evidence of satisfactory health and safety management at all premises where training is conducted
- Ensuring that learning environments are safe, accessible, and compliant with local health and safety regulations
- For Tier 3 injectable training: batch numbers must be recorded on all patient files. Policies must be in place for needlestick injuries and photographic record-keeping.

Issuing Qualifications and Logo Use

Certificates bearing the IPHM Beauty logo may only be issued once a student has completed their required coursework and case studies, and has been assessed and deemed competent through exams or one-to-one evaluations.

The IPHM Beauty logo may only be used on certificates for courses officially approved and listed with IPHM, and in promotional material directly connected to accredited courses. It may not be altered, applied to unapproved training, or misrepresented in any way.

Student Membership

Following completion of an IPHM Beauty approved course, students are eligible to apply for IPHM Beauty practitioner membership. To join, they must submit an application, provide your IPHM Provider Number, and subscribe to annual membership. This enables students to access the benefits of IPHM recognition, streamlined application processing, and professional credibility.

Get in touch

If you have any questions about your application or accreditation requirements, we are here to help.

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