

## REGISTRATION AND RECOGNITION UNIT

### EVALUATION REPORT FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION(S) FOR PROFESSIONAL BODIES ALREADY RECOGNISED BY SAQA

<b>Name of Professional Body</b>	South African Association of Health and Skincare Professionals (SAAHSP)
<b>Statutory or Non-Statutory Body</b>	Non-Statutory
<b>Application Approved by Board/Council</b>	Yes
<b>Application Signed by CEO / Registrar/ Board Chairperson</b>	Yes
<b>Registered Designations</b>	Nail Technician Beauty Technologist Beauty Therapist Somatologist
<b>Designation Applied for</b>	Advanced Aesthetic Therapist
<b>Date of Re-recognition</b>	7 February 2018
<b>Date of Gazette Notice</b>	

#### BACKGROUND OF THE PROFESSIONAL BODY

South African Association of Health and Skincare Professionals (SAAHSP) is a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) serving its members within the Skin, Body & Nail Care Profession and Industry as a Professional Body in South Africa. SAAHSP is legally constituted to protect the Public Interest in relation to services provided. SAAHSP is a voluntary organisation operating in the Skin, Body & Nail Care Industry. The organisation develops, awards, monitors and revokes professional designations and monitor Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

#### MOTIVATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE ADDITIONAL DESIGNATION(S)

Aesthetic Medicine is one of the fastest growing fields in healthcare today. The demand for non-surgical facial rejuvenation therapy is growing and the partnership between medical practitioners and somatologists is the ideal model to provide safe treatments for patients. At present, there is no designation or scope of practice for a therapist working within the Medical Aesthetic Industry, under the supervision of a Medical Practitioner. With no governance in this specialised field, many self-taught, unqualified individuals are working with Medical Practitioners / Professionals without the necessary skills and knowledge about the procedures they perform. This leads to confusion in the industry and lots of complications.

There is an urgent need for the Advanced aesthetic therapist, working within the specialised field of Medical Aesthetics to have a designation suited. The SAAHSP seeks to address this problem by implementing and regulating a Code of Ethics, setting the Standards of Practice within the Skin, Body and Nail Care Industry. This will enable the Professional Body to ensure that no Therapist / Person working within the Health and Skincare Industry will be working out of their Scope of Practice.

#### CRITERIA FOR RECORDING A PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION

The criteria for the awarding of the additional Professional Designation below comply with the SAQA *Policy and Criteria for Recognising a Professional Body and Registering a Professional Designation for the Purposes of the National Qualification Framework Act, Act 67 of 2008 (as amended, September 2020)*.and the designation complement the ones already registered, creating a designation pathway.

#### PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION(S)

**2.1 Designation Title:** Advanced Aesthetic Therapist

**Description:**

An Advanced Therapist has engaged in further studies and achieved a relevant Advanced Diploma qualification. They have extensive training in skin anatomy and physiology, skin conditions, cosmetic chemistry and science, they are trained to analyse and treat skin and body conditions through a variety of advanced techniques. They typically work in a medical setting such as Medi Spas, Skin Rejuvenation Clinics and Medical Aesthetic practices. Working alongside doctors specialising in Cosmetic Surgical and/or non-surgical treatments, they have advanced training in laser, Intense Pulsed Light (IPL), skin peels, photo rejuvenation, and micro needling.

**AWARDING CRITERIA**

For the Professional Designation to be awarded, professionals must comply with the following minimum requirements:

**Underlying NQF Registered Qualification**

An applicant for this designation must have one of the following qualifications.

- Advanced Diploma in Somatic Therapy NQF Level: 7 SAQA ID: 110041
- Advanced Diploma in Somatology NQF Level: 7 SAQA ID: 105723
- Advanced Diploma in in Somatology NQF Level: 7 SAQA ID: 35938
- Advanced Diploma in in Somatology NQF Level: 7 SAQA ID: 110049
- Advanced Diploma in Dermal Aesthetics NQF Level: 7 SAQA ID: 97898

**Experience / Practical Experience / Experiential Learning**

A person applying for this designation will need to show evidence of (300 hours) of experience. The table below gives a break down of the 300 points in hours and percentage.

Advanced Procedures in Aesthetic Treatments (300 hours)	Contact Hours	% Contact
Online Theory – Synchronous	22	7.33
Online Theory – Asynchronous	32	10.67
Practical (Face to Face and online)	164	54.67
Logged treatments	28	9.33
Independent self-study of standard text and references	54	18

**Competency Assessment / Board Examination**

The designation committee assesses the Portfolio of Evidence (POE). Formal appeals process is in place for someone wishing to appeal the outcome of their application.

**Designation RPL Statement**

Applying for the designation through Recognition of Prior Learning creates opportunities for people who do not hold the relevant SAQA registered qualifications, required for a professional designation, but who have years of experience together with the relevant knowledge and skills, to apply for such designation.

The RPL process consists of the following components:

- The applicant completes and submits the RPL application together with the relevant annexures.
- PoE is checked for completeness. Should there be any outstanding information the applicant will be requested to provide the missing information.
- Fully completed applications are then referred to the Designation Committee for evaluation.
- The Designation Committee assesses the PoE for evidence of adequate knowledge, skills and experience in accordance with the scope of practice for the relevant designation.
- If the application successful, the Designation Committee will recommend that the designation applied for be awarded.
- Should the Designation Committee find insufficiencies, they will make other recommendations.
- Members who are awarded a designation through RPL are strongly advised to participate in a structured CPD programme.

The Designation may be awarded through Recognition of Prior Learning with the following requirements:

- A qualified or designated Beauty Therapist that has worked for a minimum of five years in the health and skincare industry and has acquired additional training equating to an additional one-year Advanced Skin Therapies and may perform the treatments so specified in the advanced aesthetic therapist scope of practice.
- A qualified or designated Somatologist with a minimum of three years, with the required evidence of training in Advanced Aesthetic Therapy who may perform the treatments specified within the Advanced Aesthetic Therapist Scope of Practice.

#### **Designation Competencies:**

- Comply with all Health and Safety regulations in establishments and/or clients and self.
- Prepare and equip self, workstation, treatment area and the client to perform Advanced Dermal Aesthetics Skincare treatments.
- Accurately assess and manage a client's skin concerns, based on sound scientific knowledge and skill to perform selected medical aesthetic procedures with confidence and to the benefit, safety and satisfaction of the client (Laser, IPL, Light based therapies, Microneedling, Needle free mesotherapy, Superficial Chemical Peels).
- Integrate knowledge in the field of aesthetic medicine with an understanding of key terms, concepts, facts, principles, rules and theories within the aesthetic medicine field, enabling them to assist the Medical Aesthetic Practitioner with Medical Aesthetics/Cosmetic Procedures (Medium depth chemical peel, laser treatments, pre-and post-operative care)
- Provide advice to the client on the treatment plan, Home Care and the use of Cosmetic and Health Products to best improve and manage the client's condition/s.
- Perform administrative and managerial tasks in the establishment, maintaining a safe working environment in a clinical setting, acting ethically and professionally at all times.
- Identify conditions that fall outside the scope of practice of an Advanced Dermal Aesthetician, referring it to the relevant professional

#### **RETAINING CRITERIA**

Completion of CPD requirements, adherence to a code of professional ethics/ conduct and payment of membership fees

#### **Code of Conduct**

Sign Code of Ethics and Scope of Practice

#### **Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Requirements**

50 CPD points over one year

#### **Fees**

Membership fees need to be paid annually

#### **Professional Designation Progression Pathway**

N/A

#### **designations pathway**

- Nail Technician – Beauty Technologist
- Beauty Therapist
- Somatologist
- *Advanced Aesthetic Therapist*

For more information on this Professional Designation, please visit the website at

[www.saahsp.co.za](http://www.saahsp.co.za)