

School of the Month



The Academy of Nail Design and Resource Centre

Taking Education to the Next Level

The Academy of Nail Design and Resource Centre located at 120 Eglinton Avenue East #303 in Toronto, is a 1,200 sq. ft. state-of-the-art training facility and resource centre dedicated to the education of today's nail technicians. The school which opened its doors in December of 2004 is one of the only training facilities recognized by the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities as a Private Career College that provides 'nails-only' education as an independent program. This unique status allows The Academy of Nail Design to issue diplomas in nail technology for their "QT" (Qualified Technician) program.

The philosophy of the school is to provide students with an intensive and comprehensive theoretical background taught in an exciting and creative hands-on environment. The "QT" program is a 128 hour program that incorporates both the Nail Basics and Advanced Nails certificate courses previously offered, into one full diploma program. Key modules in the "QT" curriculum include; The role of today's nail technicians, Anatomy, Nail disease and disorders, Tools of the trade, chemical safety, as well as all practical enhancement applications including fibreglass, acrylic and UV gel.

There is a strong emphasis on sanitation; disinfection and sterilization throughout the entire course and in keeping with today's demand for spa friendly procedures, all products used at the Academy are odorless. Rounding out the "QT" program is a Business Advice module that provides students with a unique insight into what to expect when looking for employment, joining the staff of a salon or striking out on your own.

The owner and program creator Jennifer McKittrick (a 10 year nail industry veteran whose latest nail creations can be seen in the fall issue of Toronto's Lush magazine) felt there was a need for not only exceptional education but also continuing support

and networking which lead to the creation of the Professional Nail Technicians Resource Centre. The Resource Centre is an exciting and one of a kind members only area where nail technicians working in the industry can join, allowing them access to the nail technician's library, industry magazines, training DVDs and videos. Members can also try out the industry's latest products before investing their hard earned money, browse the web on one of the schools computers, pose industry related questions, network with other nail techs in the business, search job postings, and receive invitations to continuing educational seminars by leading industry manufacturers.

This is a wonderful opportunity for nail techs that have either graduated recently or have been working in the industry for some time and are feeling isolated and would enjoy an opportunity to network and upgrade their skills.

**To contact the Academy or to join as a member of the Resource Centre please call (416) 488-5175 or visit the website www.taond.com
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