## Step-by-Step Guide

# CND P.E.P. Technique

<sup>10</sup> MIN P.E.P. is a systematic method of ensuring SHELLAC<sup>™</sup> Brand 14+ Day Nail Color, VINYLUX<sup>™</sup> Weekly Polish and CREATIVE PLAY<sup>™</sup> Nail Lacquer adhere to the natural nail plate.

## STEP 1: P - Perform a Manicure

- 1. P Perform a manicure.
  - a. Have the client wash their hands with soap and water and towel dry.



b. Massage COOLBLUE™ Hand Cleanser into the client's hands to cleanse skin.



c. Remove any existing nail color from the natural nail using an acetone-based polish remover (OFFLY FAST™ Moisturizing Remover or SCRUBFRESH™ Nail Surface Cleanser) and a plastic-backed lint-free pad.\*



d. If necessary, trim the length from each nail, using nail clippers.

\* Acetone-based polish removers like **OFFLY FAST**™ or **SCRUBFRESH**<sup>™</sup> are the quickest and safest way to remove nail color. Non-acetone-based polish removers will dissolve enamel more slowly and "smear" the color onto the cuticle area risking over-exposure.

\*\* Dry P.E.P. is an excellent option for clients with great natural nails, who do not build excessive cuticle between services. Eliminating the wet cuticle treatment can shorten the service time and increase adhesion for some clients.

- e. Shape the extension edge (tip of the nail) of each nail with a soft grit like the 240-grit side of a Kanga<sup>™</sup> File or Koala Buffer<sup>™</sup>.
- f. Apply a small amount of CuticleAway<sup>™</sup> Professional Cuticle Remover evenly around the cuticle of each nail.\*\*



g. Gently slide a cuticle pusher along the nail plate toward the cuticle area and along the lateral fold (sides of nail)





to lift and loosen any cuticle (non-living tissue) from the nail plate. Remove any excess CuticleAway<sup>™</sup> from the nail and use a curette to remove cuticle up to the eponychium and lateral fold.

- h. Scrub nails thoroughly with soap and a damp brush, then rinse with warm water to remove the cuticle remover and soap; towel dry.\*\*
- i. Use a manicure nipper to carefully remove any loosened cuticle, as well as any loose pieces of skin or hangnails. Use a gentle touch during cuticle removal to protect the seals. Never cut living tissue as it can lead to infection.







# E - Eliminate Surface Contaminants P - Purify Nail Plate Layers

- 1. E Eliminate surface contaminants, dust, lint or skin and
  - P Purify nail plate layers.
  - a. Thoroughly cleanse and temporarily dehydrate the nail plate layers with SCRUBFRESH™ using a lint-free, plastic-backed pad. Pull back the skin and scrub the nail as if removing red nail polish.



### PRODUCTS REQUIRED

COOLBLUE<sup>™</sup> Hand Cleanser OFFLY FAST<sup>™</sup> Moisturizing Remover CuticleAway<sup>™</sup> Professional Cuticle Remover SCRUBFRESH<sup>™</sup> Nail Surface Cleanser CND<sup>™</sup> Files and Buffers

### ACCESSORIES/EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Hand towels Hand soap Plastic-backed, lint-free pads Disinfectable dust brush\* Cuticle pusher Manicure nippers Nail clippers Curette \*Optional