

Interview with nail technician

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Location **Lockport, NY USA**

Instagram

Ingredients

- Creative nail ideas
- Side hustles Galore

Preparation

- 1. What got you interested in nails?**

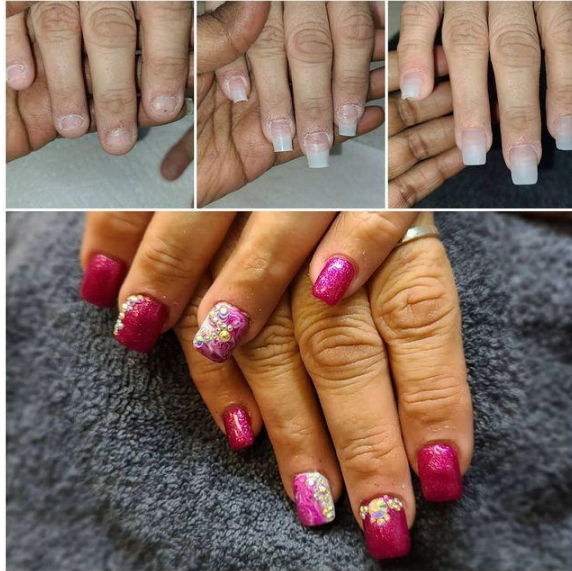
Mother did not wear makeup but always had nails done
- 2. Did you have to get certified to do nails or can anyone do them?**

Can't practice in NYC state without license. 275 hour State exam with Practical and written. You have to pass both tests. You must re-register every three years, certified for life. Some states have no requirement.
- 3. How do you come up with designs?**

YouTube, dreams, classes, random things and client ideas.
- 4. What about some of the other places that do nails?**

Most did not go to school and had photoshopped licenses. Many of the larger salons have employees who are not licensed. Also many do not follow state guidelines for sanitation. This is how silence get infections

Podiatrist will diagnose underlying problems. Nail tech can only fix to a degree. Nail tech can not diagnose or sell you fungal stuff.



5. How much was your schooling?

Expensive \$3,000 up to \$5,000

6. What is the hardest part of being nail tech?

Clients with unrealistic expectations, not being on time, being disrespectful of your education and pricing, there's a reason why you left the place before, pay for expertise and artistry.

7. How has COVID affected your business?

COVID closed me and killed my market. Large clientele have not come back because they are scared. Younger people want deals to get service, getting employees is hard, why go to work. You are going to need to eat, buy school clothes and whatnot by the time unemployment ends. If you haven't been working the market will be so saturated.

8. Do you have any advice for others who want to do nails and some of the services you offer?

Go to school. Research the school. Took me time to weigh between three schools. I drove two hours to go to the one I chose.



9. Is there anything you wish your clients knew?

There's rules to this.

And not the way you've been going about it. No eating, texting on your phone, once you touch something you open yourself to bacteria.

Do not bring your kids to your appointment. You get people who think your products are cheap until their kid picks something up and drops it. Added that to her bill.

10. Does creativity Run in your family?

Three siblings that draw.

11. What are some other services you offer?

Microblading permanent makeup shading cosmetic enhancement and cover up tattoo of areola for breast cancer.



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Upcoming Shows: NA

12. What do you say to people like me worried about fake nails affecting their real nails?

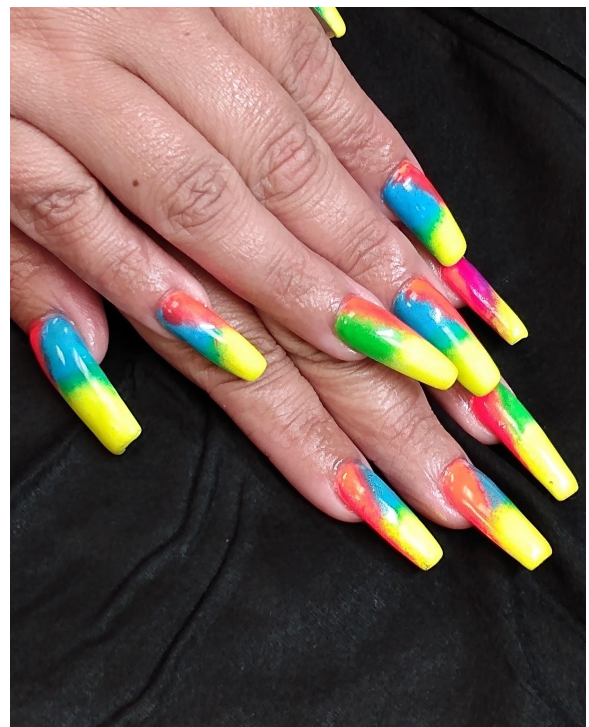
You can still grow your nails with fake nails. Depends on who does them and how.

13. How do you keep the place safe?

Cleaning is the most important. Using proper sanitary and dissifection measure always! Clvening work areas and tools after every client.

14. What's your favorite customer question?

"How do you wipe your ass with extremely long nails"Same way you do with your nubs.



15. What are some of your COVID side hustles?

Tumblers, T shirts, Stickers, Car decals,

Chef-d'œuvre

