Figure 1: Contents of the Salon Safety Quiz…spring 2012 (Shendell et al, 2013; Apostolico et al, 2014-15)

1. I have the right to a safe and healthful workplace. T or F
2. What does MSDS stand for and what is an MSDS used for? 5 possible responses
3. Do you know where to find the MSDSs at your beauty school or salon? Y or N
4. What can you do to decrease the risk of burns or starting fires in a salon? 4 possible responses
5. The type of protective gloves I wear changes depending on what chemicals I am using. T or F
6. Cosmetologists are more likely to leave their job due to occupational related allergies and health problems than office workers. T or F
7. What should you do if a client wants a pedicure but has broken skin on one of their feet? 3 possible responses
8. What percentage of the nearly 3,000 chemicals used in cosmetology are classified as toxic substances by the United States government? 4 possible responses
9. What health risks do cosmetologists face? 8 possible responses
10. In your salon or beauty school, whose safety should be your top priority? 3 possible responses
11. If you wear gloves when using chemical products, do you also need to wash your hands afterwards? Y or N
12. Gloves are the only kind of personal protective equipment appropriate for use in a salon or beauty school. T or F
13. Salons have been cited by government agencies for failing to protect workers from exposure to formaldehyde contained in the popular Brazilian style keratin-based hair treatments. T or F
14. I need to dress professionally for work, so it is appropriate to wear high heels. T or F
15. When working in a salon, hand sanitizer can be used as a replacement for washing hands with soap and water. T or F
16. What can be done to prevent tripping hazards in the salon? 4 possible responses
17. Which activities can lead to ergonomic issues when working in a salon? 4 possible responses
18. What should you do if you spill a container of hair dye? 4 possible responses
19. As long as I wash my hands thoroughly with soap and hot water after washing hair dye out of my client’s hair, it is okay if I don’t wear gloves. T or F
20. The salon fire extinguisher should be kept in the back room so it is out of the way to prevent tripping hazards. T or F
21. Salons can be cited and possibly fined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (U.S. Department of Labor) for many offenses. What do you think is the top cited offense overall for beauty salons? 5 possible responses
22. Working in a salon can be fun, safe, and rewarding. T or F
23. What person at your salon or beauty school is responsible for health and safety? 4 possible responses
24. According to the US News, “hairdresser” has been listed as one of the best jobs of 2012. T or F
25. What type of salon or beauty school do you work at/attend right now? 5 possible responses