



Arkansas Department of Health

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PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Body Artist in the State of Arkansas. The Arkansas Department of Health is the regulatory agency for Licensing Body Artists and Body Art Establishments. Body Art fields include Permanent Cosmetics, Tattooing, Body Piercing, Branding, and Scarification.

The Study Art Packets contain a list of State Board of Higher Education approved body art training facilities, a Body Artist License Application, ADH Body Art Exam a list of accepted Blood Borne Pathogens Courses, a study guide for the Body Art Exam, Written Test Dates, a copy of the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Permanent Cosmetic and Tattoo Establishments, and a copy of Act 596 of 2013.

Before being licensed as a Body Artist in Arkansas, the following must be completed in the order listed:

- **Contact and be accepted as by an approved Body Art Training Facility**
THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING FACILITIES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION. NO ARTIST IN TRAINING CAN BE CONDUCTED UNLESS THE BODY ART ESTABLISHMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION AS A TRAINING FACILITY.
- **Submit completed Body Artist License Application to:**
Arkansas Department of Health
Attn: Body Art Program
4815 West Markham Street, Slot 46
Little Rock, AR 72205-3867
- The applicant shall successfully complete a Body Art *written exam* based on the Arkansas Department of Health Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Permanent Cosmetic and Tattoo Establishments and the law, Act 596 of 2013, and Bloodborne Pathogens Training prior to issuance of the Artist-in-Training Certificate.
- **Before registering for the Body Art exam, the applicant must complete an approved blood borne pathogens course.** The blood borne pathogens course shall be a minimum of two (2) hours of instruction. Approved providers include, but are not limited to, the American Red Cross, National Safety Council, any nationally recognized body art organization, i.e., APT, APP, SPC, any institution of higher learning, approved on-line training or other individual or group approved by the Department. Bring proof of completion at the time of the written exam.

- **A fifty-dollar (\$50.00) fee shall be paid at the time of the written exam. BE SURE TO BRING EXACT AMOUNT IN CASH, CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER.** The exam is given the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 2:00 p.m., at the Arkansas Department of Health, 4815 West Markham Street, Little Rock, AR 72205, Lab Training Room #2508. *(No written exam will be given in December).* The Artist/Trainer must contact this office to make an appointment for your exam and provide a completed body art license application.* You must also provide a color state or federal government issued **photo ID** at the time of the exam
- **Upon successfully passing the Body Art exam, complete a 6-24 month Artist In-Training Program with an Artist/Trainer in an approved Body Art Training Facility.** An artist/trainer is an artist who is licensed by the Department of Health, has been licensed by the Department as a body art artist for five years in the specified field of body art in which he/she will be training, has worked in a body art establishment licensed by the Department for at least three years, has been in compliance with the department rules and has completed a blood borne pathogens course.
- **The Artist In-Training shall complete at least 375 clock hours of supervised body art work and the Artist/Trainer shall maintain a log of the hours worked by the student during the 6-24 months.** Log forms are provided at the time of the written exam.
- **An Artist In-Training studying multiple fields of body art requires 250 additional clock hours for each subsequent field and may be completed in not less than 12 months or more than 24 months.**
- **At the end of the training period, the Artist/Trainer shall register, with this Department, the Artist In-Training for the practical exam in their field(s) of study to be performed at the approved training facility.**
- **Your Body Art License will be issued upon successfully completing the practical exam and this Department receives payment of the annual artist fee of \$100.00.**

Good luck with your choices in this exciting and growing industry. If you would like to review our proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Body Art Establishments, please visit our website at www.healthy.arkansas.gov under Proposed Rules and Regulations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail Jeffrey.Majors@arkansas.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeff Majors, Senior Environmental Health Specialist
Arkansas Department of Health
Environmental Health Protection
Body Art Program
501-661-2171

Enclosures

* You may submit a typewritten application form by e-mail and sign it before taking the written exam. Pictures of forms will not be accepted.



Body Art Program
4815 W Markham ST, Slot 46
Little Rock, AR 72705

BODY ARTIST LICENSE APPLICATION

(Please Type or Print Clearly)

Applicant Name: (First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip: County:

Date of Birth: Social Security #: XXX-XX-

Home Phone: Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Veteran Status: Are you or your spouse a veteran? Yes No

TRAINING FACILITY INFORMATION

Body Art Training Facility: Arkansas Permanent Cosmetics Institute

Artist Trainer: Sherry Akins

Facility Address: 112 Rainbow Drive

City: Cabot State: AR Zip: 72023 Phone: 501-500-0272

WORK EXPERIENCE: (List any work experience pertinent to the field)

Blank lines for work experience

PLEASE CHECK ALL PROGRAMS YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR:

Tattoo Body Piercing Permanent Cosmetics Branding

Applicant Signature: Date:

License Fees are due at time of testing. Submit application at least 5 business days before test date

Submit Completed Application to: Body Art Program Address Listed Above

DATE OF TEST:

ADH USE ONLY: Customer No. Point of Sale \$50.00

BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS (BBP) REQUIREMENTS

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ON-LINE BBP COURSES

www.hazmatschool.com/descriptions/BBP_1284_information.html

www.emergencyuniversity.com/bbp.asp

www.icpri.com (International CPR Institute)

www.nsc.org/products_training/Training/firstaidandCPR/Pages/OnlineFirstAidCPRTraining_Course.aspx (National Safety Council)

www.bodyarttraininggroup.com

www.hsi.com

www.bixtraining.com (Biologix Solutions)

www.bloodborne.com (Protrainings)

cathymontie.com

www.protrainings.com

You can also contact your local American Red Cross Chapter for more information concerning their blood borne pathogen classes.

ONLY ONE COURSE IS REQUIRED.

Study Guide for Body Art Testing and Artist in Training Application

1. Which diseases are associated with improper body art procedures?
2. Which of the above diseases causes jaundice-a yellowing of the skin and eye?
_____.
3. Client skin rashes and diseases are most often associated with which of the following?
 - a) Staphylococcus
 - b) Streptococcus
 - c) Shigella
 - d) Salmonella
4. Possession of a body piercing needle, tattoo needle, or body art instrument, or a combination of these, including without limitation tattoo ink, barrel, drip, and tattoo machine by a person within this state who is not licensed as an artist by the department is a
_____.
5. Used needles are to be disposed of in a _____.
6. If using an autoclave or sterilizer, a spore test shall be completed with use of a biological monitoring system (commercial preparation of spores) to assure all microorganisms have been destroyed and sterilization achieved every _____.
7. What causes scabies? _____.
8. The artist certification will expire on _____ of each year.
9. Single service means _____.
10. What training certificate is required every year for renewal? _____.
11. Circle the items that are required in the workroom.
 - a) Covered trashcan
 - b) Paper towels for Artist only handwashing sink
 - c) Ultrasonic
 - d) Sharps container
 - e) Autoclave
 - f) Individual nail brushes
12. Circle all that apply. Prior to sterilizing, instruments shall be:
 - a) Brushed or swabbed to remove foreign material
 - b) Tubes disassembled
 - c) Immersed in an enzymatic cleaner

True or False

- _____ 13. The single service portions of pigments can be reused on other clients.
- _____ 14. An artist can attempt to remove a tattoo if he/she did the work.
- _____ 15. A straight razor may be used for shaving a client.
- _____ 16. Out of state artists certified in their state may transfer their license to Arkansas without having qualifications reviewed.
- _____ 17. The Arkansas Health Department currently approves pigments for tattooing.
- _____ 18. Sanitizing Chemicals must be effective against HIV and Hepatitis B.
- _____ 19. You must be over 18 to receive body art on your nipples or genitalia.
- _____ 20. All initial piercing jewelry must be ASTM or ISO certified.
- _____ 21. If using an autoclave, it can be kept on a counter in the workroom.

22. List the information required to be kept in the bound record book or digital record keeping system:

22. At what age can minor children receive most body art procedures?

24. Does a parent or guardian have to be present in order for a child under the age of 18 to receive a body art procedure?

Put the procedure in order according to aseptic technique:

- _____ Handwash using warm water soap and hand brush. Use paper towel to dry hands. Put on disposable gloves. Client's skin washed, shaved, and scrubbed with 70% isopropyl alcohol.
- _____ Handwash using warm water soap and hand brush. Use paper towel to dry hands. Put on disposable gloves. Apply stencil or draw guides on client's skin.
- _____ Handwash and put on gloves. Disinfect Surfaces, work tables and client chairs with EPA approved surface disinfectant. Prepare work area with individual portions of pigment or layout sterilized initial jewelry.
- _____ Remove Excess Pigment. Wash as necessary. Allow to dry. Apply ointment with sterile gauze.
- _____ Provide client with verbal aftercare instructions. Disinfect Surfaces, work tables and client chairs with EPA approved surface disinfectant.
- _____ Perform body art procedure procedure, If interrupted for other duties, i.e., answering the phone, etc., wash hands and reglove before resuming procedure.