

Body Piercing and Tattoo Apprentice Program Requirements

- Apprentice shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- The apprentice shall work under the direct supervision of an Oklahoma Licensed artist who has at least five (5) years of practical experience as a licensed artist. It is the responsibility of the individual to find an artist to sponsor them. The licensed artist shall make application to the Department to become a sponsoring artist for the Apprentice Program. After approval, the applicant can apply for the Apprentice Program with the Department.
- The applicant for an apprentice license must have completed a bloodborne pathogens certification, first aid certification and CPR certification.
- The apprentice training shall commence on the date the apprentice application is approved. Hours shall not be credited for any hours received prior to registering with the department.
- Apprentice hours are valid only when working for the supervising artist and establishment listed on the apprentice application.
- The apprentice program shall be a minimum of one (1) year and no more than two (2) years in length.
- The apprentice permit shall be a continuous permit. This permit shall expire two (2) years from the date of issuance.
- If the apprentice training should cease under the approved supervising artist or shop, the apprentice shall make arrangements to locate another supervising artist and shop as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of the apprentice and the sponsoring supervising artist to notify the Department of any changes.
- During the apprentice training, the supervising artist shall submit the quarterly reports and weekly log sheets every 3 months to the Department. It is the responsibility of the apprentice and the supervising artist to retain copies of the reports submitted to the Department for documentation of accumulated apprentice hours.
- Upon completion of the apprentice training you should have the ability to demonstrate knowledge to pass the tattoo/body piercing exam before tattooing on flesh of individuals.
- Individuals who have completed apprentice training (1500 hours curriculum) shall contact the Department for Graduate Apprentice permit. Upon approval the individual shall be given a letter from the Department, which allows them to take the written certification exam with Career Tech.
- If applicant does not pass the written exam within three (3) times, the applicant shall repeat the apprentice program.
- Upon notification from Career Tech to the Department of a passing score, A Graduate Apprentice License will be mailed to the apprentice. Upon completion of one (1) year of Graduate Apprentice licensure, the individual will be approved for full licensure.
- The Graduate Apprentice license to practice body piercing or tattooing shall be under the direct face to face supervision of their apprentice sponsor.