

Piercing Apprenticeship Curriculum Outline

Mission - To practice piercings in a safe & clean environment with products designed and tested to be in the body.

- Teach you the history of body Piercing
- Understand why and what type of Jewelry is used
- How to Process Tools and Jewelry both clean and dirty
- Learn how to practice safely while avoiding cross contamination
- Finally prepare you to confidently pierce the basics.

History

- Running the Gauntlet – Jim Ward
- The Piercing bible – Elayne Angel
- A Brief History of the Evolution of Body Adornment - Blake Perlingieri

Jewelry

- ASTM
- Brands – IS, BVLA etc...
- Styles – threaded/threadless etc...

Processing

- Dirty Room vs Clean Room
- Processing tools
- Cleaning Jewelry

Safe Practices

- Don Gloves
- Setting up a sterile field
- Committed Hands
- Min 3 pairs of gloves per procedure

Piercings

- Pierce the Bunny
- How to assemble Jewelry, torque rings
- Earlobe, Helix, Nostril, Navel, Nipple, eyebrow
- Tragus, Conch, Rook
- Daith, Forward Helix
- Tongue, Lip, Vertical Labret
- Industrial/ Septum

Final Test

- Written Test Salem OHLA office
- Practical Examination

General Concepts of Course Study

Bloodborne pathogens training
Studio environment setup and maintenance
Government agency guidelines (CDC, OSHA, EPA, ASTM, ISO)
Maintenance, storage, and use of chemicals
Maintenance, storage, and use of supplies for piercing procedures
Microbiology and disease transmission
Cleaning, disinfection and sterilization
Cross contamination prevention
Autoclave and ultrasonic use and maintenance
Spore testing and autoclave validation
Proper PPE use
Hazardous waste and sharps disposal
Piercing procedure asepsis
Structure and functions of the skin
Underlying anatomy relevant to piercing
Tissue variations and abnormalities
Signs and symptoms of tissue disorders
Stages of wound healing
Troubleshooting complications
Determining the appropriateness of a piercing based on anatomy
Function and operation of tools
Marking and placement theory
Skin prep
Tissue manipulation and bracing techniques
Bevel theory
Needle modification
Needlestick protocol
Stretching and jewelry insertion methods
Jewelry standards for initial piercing
Implant-grade standards specifically
Jewelry size and style selection
When and how to recommend a change
Downsizing
Selling gold and gemstones
Aftercare guidance
Client consultations
Consent procedures and waivers

Handling difficult clients
Professional boundaries
Recognizing vasovagal response and syncope
Trauma informed approach
Working with minors and consent
Language and communication around body image
Gender transition and body modification considerations
Professional ethics
Online presence and client communication
Social media and marketing
Photography of work
Booking and scheduling systems
Pricing strategy and structure
Business documentation
Insurance

All of these areas at the end of your apprenticeship you will be familiar and comfortable with.