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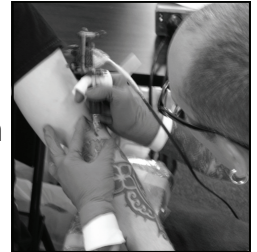
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## Permanent Color / Tattoo

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Tattoo artists and permanent color technicians mark or color the skin by inserting non-toxic dyes or pigments into or under the subcutaneous portion of the skin using single-use or sterile needles to form indelible marks for figurative, decorative, cosmetic or medical purposes. They work in licensed facilities; permanent color technicians may also work with dermatologists.

While permanent color technician and tattoo artist licenses and regulatory requirements are one and the same, tattoo artists focus on cosmetic and medical, rather than decorative or figurative, uses of coloring or marking human skin.



Tattoo Artist

#### Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent required
- Completion of approved training program including 360 hours of training (210 theory/150 practical), with chair-side supervision under a licensed tattoo artist/ permanent color technician and a minimum of 50 completed procedures
- Pass state-administered written and practical examinations
- *Out-of-State Licensure:* Applicants working under valid licenses in their city, state, county or country which meet or exceed Oregon standards must provide verification.
- *Experience Equivalency:* Applicants working in a state where their practice is unregulated must provide tax returns verifying they meet minimum qualifications.



Permanent Color Technician

**Continuing Education:** To maintain licensure all permanent color technicians and tattoo artists must have:

- Completed 15 clock hours, either as one unit or combination of units, not less than one hour each, every three years.
- Licensees may earn continuing education credit by attending meetings of the Advisory Council for Electrologists, Permanent Color Technicians and Tattoo Artists for a maximum of three hours per meeting totaling no more than six hours per three-year period.

**Authorizing Laws & Rules:** This program exists under the regulatory oversight of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA). The Advisory Council for Electrologists, Permanent Color Technicians and Tattoo Artist's profession-specific statutes (ORS 690.360-690.430 and 690.992) and rules (OAR 331, Divisions 505 and 550-590) link to OHLA's overarching statutes (ORS 676.600-992) and rules (OAR 331, Divisions 1-30) for all OHLA-regulated professions.

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