

Public Statement Education:

Executive Brief for Health Departments & Regulatory Bodies

Alliance of Professional Tattooists (APT) – Education Committee Update
June–December 2025

Who We Are

The **Alliance of Professional Tattooists (APT)** is the longest-standing nonprofit representing professional tattoo artists in the United States. We are not only practitioners of the art—we are educators, safety advocates, and regulatory collaborators. Our membership includes experienced artists, industry chemists, safety researchers, and public health liaisons.

We are the experts in the room when it comes to tattooing and body art—and we are proactively setting the standards needed to protect public health and elevate professional accountability.

Current Educational Projects (June–December 2025)

1. National Mastery Test – Revision & Launch

- **Goal:** Finalize and deploy a standardized 100-question **Mastery Test** for tattoo professionals.
- **Purpose:** This updated exam establishes a **baseline of safety knowledge** for professional artists and supports inspector training on industry-relevant practices.
- **Timeline:** Final draft presented to APT Board by **July 7, 2025**; hosted on **Kajabi** for national distribution and access. (Live Sessions)
- **Regulatory Significance:** This tool is designed to be referenced or adopted in regulatory programs to assess practitioner readiness and reinforce public safety education.

Mission Statement: The Alliance of Professional Tattooists promotes advances in tattooing health and safety, and dissemination of that information to professional tattooists, along with preserving tattoo history from which future tattoo generations may learn.

Vision: Tattooing is a respected art form and health risks are minimized with professional, responsible, and accountable practitioners.



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2. PDTT Course – Preventative Disease Transmission in Tattooing

- **Goal:** Launch comprehensive **Preventative Disease Transmission in Tattooing (PDTT)** course by **November 2025**.
- **Content:** A hybrid curriculum (self-paced modules + live Zoom calls) covering:
 - Microbiology and Disease
 - Disease and Immunization
 - Sterilization and Disinfection
 - Bloodborne Pathogens Standards
 - Principles of Infection Control
- **Partners:** Promoted in collaboration with:
 - **NEHA** (National Environmental Health Association)
 - **AFDO** (Association of Food and Drug Officials)
 - **Tattoo convention circuits**
- **Regulatory Significance:** This course is a **crosswalk between practitioner knowledge and inspector understanding**, bridging the gap in field inspection outcomes and risk mitigation, along with being a requirement for professional artists.

3. NEHA Region 4 Inspection Training – Basics of Body Art Establishment Seminar

- **Objective:** Revise and deliver a foundational inspection seminar for regional health inspectors.
- **Status:** Awaiting materials and direction from NEHA; projected revision by **September 2025**.
- **Regulatory Significance:** Ensures inspection criteria align with actual industry practices and current safety standards.

Our Ask to You

We urge health departments and regulatory partners to:

- **Recognize APT as the subject matter authority** on tattooing, body art, and professional hygiene practices.
- **Collaborate with us before implementing regulatory changes** to ensure

- **Distribute our training and certification programs** as tools for workforce development—among both artists and inspectors.
 - **Contact us directly** for technical review, training partnerships, or speaker opportunities.
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Why This Matters

Tattooing is not a static art—it is a **fast-evolving scientific discipline** involving:

- Skin integrity
- Chemical formulation
- Risk management
- Practitioner education

By working **with APT**, regulatory bodies gain **accurate, peer-reviewed, industry-led guidance** that reflects both the art and science of tattooing. Together, we can strengthen public health, elevate professional standards, and reduce adverse outcomes through education—not overreach.

For further collaboration or inquiries, please contact us directly at **info@safe-tattoos.com**. Let's build smarter policy—**with the experts in the room**.