



## Introductory Body Piercing Course

Angel Face Jewellery is pleased to offer body piercing courses. The courses are open to anyone over the age of 18 who wishes to learn body piercing and are carried out by a fully licenced and experienced piercing practitioner.

A full description of the course cost and content is outlined below. If you have any questions regarding the course please contact [information@angelfacejewellery.com](mailto:information@angelfacejewellery.com) or call 07717 297891

### Course Outline

This course is designed to teach you the principles of body piercing as an introduction to the industry. The courses are all one on one to allow you to receive the full benefit of my experience and are made up of a combination of home study, written tests and practical piercing experience with the added benefit of post course follow-up.

For certification purposes\*, the start date of your training is the date on which your home study pack is sent to you and the end date is the date of your live model assessment.

\*See below for certification explanation

### Course Content – Home Study

When you book onto a course, you will receive a home study pack which consists of technical and biological information relating to different types of piercing as well as information about setting up a studio and relevant legal documentation. The pack also contains research topics which require you to carry out independent study so that you can gain a wider understanding of some topical debates within our industry. These debates do not necessarily have “right or

wrong” answers and will serve as a discussion and reflection point during the time you spend with me at the studio.

At the end of the study booklet there is a written test which you must complete prior to attending your practical course. **The home study is intended to be carried out over a minimum period of a four weeks prior to your practical course.**

### Course Content – Practical Course

The practical course is based at the Angel Face shop in Ramsbottom and lasts for either two or three days depending on the course package you have chosen. During your practical course you will:

- Discuss the studio theoretical elements from the training pack
- Produce and discuss the results of independent research tasks
- Review the written test completed during home study
  
- Debate 1: Piercing guns or piercing needles (earlobe, cartilage, nose)
- Debate 2: Age of consent for piercing – when decided by the piercer
- Debate 3: Client consent, or the lack thereof.
  
- Types of sterilisation and equipment
- Licensing criteria in student location
- Environmental Health inspections
- Carry out a full studio cleaning cycle (guided work)
- Observe piercings being carried out by the practitioner
- Observe and discuss piercing complications and maintenance
  
- Workshop 1: Needle Sizing
- Workshop 2: Blade or Cannula?
- Workshop 3: On gauge or off gauge piercing?

- Workshop 4: Jewellery types and sizing
- Pierce practice skin
- Carry out piercings on live models under my supervision.

### Assessed Content

This course is not an automatic pass. Your certificate will only be issued to you if you achieve or exceed the minimum pass percentage. Reasonable Adjustments can be made to any of the course content to allow for additional needs or extenuating personal circumstances as long as these are made clear in advance.

Your pass mark and grade (see below) are worked out by adding up your scores within the below criteria. For the areas of the course which are based on interpretation as opposed to a clear “right or wrong”, higher marks will be given to those who are not only able to offer their choice but explain it by showing examples to back up that choice. An example of this could be a topical question such as “What is a suitable age for children to have their earlobes pierced?” **The minimum pass mark is 70%.**

### Understanding of Home Study Work (30%)

This is assessed as follows:

- Correct answers in the written test
- The ability to share and solidly back up your opinion on the relevant industry debates you were asked to research.
- Your confidence in questions relating to piercing types and equipment
- Your ability to refer to the correct part of the home study pack when discussing the issues within it
- Your ability to point out how my studio meets or exceeds the criteria set out within relevant CIEH (Chartered Institute of Environmental Health) documentation.

### Infection Control (30%)

For those entering the course as new to the industry, this is assessed as per the below. Those attending the course who already have a background in a related industry (tattooing, healthcare, certain aesthetics and beauty disciplines, social care and nursing to name just some) can pass this section automatically as a result of their experience.

- Correct answers in the written test
- Correct identification of relevant equipment in my studio
- Understanding shown during topical research discussion
- Competence displayed during cleaning work
- Independent understanding shown when piercing models

### **Written Test Completion (15%)**

The purpose of the test is to show that you have read and understood the course pack and have carried out the research asked of you within. It also serves as a measure to show me what you have not understood fully so that I can make sure we address it when we are together and rectify any misunderstandings you may have. Whilst a very low mark is a concern, it is also an opportunity to ensure that your deeper needs in this regard can be addressed proactively.

Some people are not good at expressing themselves in writing or performing in test conditions (and this is why the written test is not the biggest part of the pass mark) however it is necessary for me to measure your understanding. Issues raised by your score also form part of the course follow up and reflection. It would be highly unfair to base a high proportion of your pass mark on this element of the course because the test is carried out at home not in my studio. You can complete it at your leisure.

### **Live Model Assessment (25%)**

It is understood that these models will likely be the first people you have ever pierced so this assessment is carried out under my step-by-step guidance with models and equipment provided by me. Perfection is not the aim because becoming a good Piercer takes time and practice. This assessment shows me your ability to do the following:

- Understand and carry out instructions
- Become confident in following set procedures
- Demonstrate infection control protocols as discussed during our studio time and in the home study pack.

- Show confidence in speaking with clients
- Demonstrate a professional manner with clients
- Demonstrate understanding of consent
- Show the ability to explore the answers to medical consent questions in a sensitive and relevant way
- Showing your ability to take steps towards independent work by responding proactively when I lessen the frequency of my instructions (I will never leave you alone during a procedure don't worry!)
- Showing me that you can understand the problems which can and do occur during the actual piercing process.
- Demonstrating confidence with needles and equipment
- Showing that you can achieve acceptable basic results.

### Passing the Course

Minimum pass mark: 70%

**Pass:** 71–79%

**Credit:** 80 – 89%

**Distinction:** 90% and above

This will be the grade recorded on your certificate of attendance as explained in the sections below. Failure to achieve the minimum pass mark will result in further assessments being necessary. For those who achieve or exceed the pass mark, a follow up certificate will be issued as described in the below sections.

It should be noted that a certificate of attendance and a certificate of competence are viewed differently by insurers hence the need for me to issue both as a part of your assessment and follow-up. See below for clarification.

### Course Content – Follow-Up

Should you choose to begin your piercing career straight away, you will be offered on-going access to ad-hoc advice and support from Angel Face Jewellery at no extra charge. There are two certificates given for this course.

1. **Certificate of Attendance.** This certificate will show the mark you achieved up to the end of the practical session and serves as proof that you attended the course and passed to a required standard based on CIEH guidelines. Insurers are usually happy to accept this certificate.
2. **Certificate of Competence.** This certificate is issued further down the line once you have sent me either photos or videos of 5 piercings which you have carried out independently.

### Course Cost

The costs of the course are as follows. See the website for a full description. You will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit of £250 when you book the course and the remainder three weeks before you attend for the practical part of the course. In addition to standard piercings, you may also wish to learn how to carry out Microdermal and Skin Diver piercings which will cost an additional £35.

**New To the Industry.** £750

**Already in a Related Industry.** £650

Failure to pay your remaining deposit (without explanation) will result in your loa authority being made aware that you are in receipt of course materials but have not completed the course. This is a measure which is in place to prevent students using course materials fraudulently to obtain a licence.

Additional practical sessions are available for an extra cost at any time. To attend a Genital Piercing Practical session, you must be able to demonstrate six months or more practical experience in above waist piercing.

### Further Information

You will not be allowed to purchase body piercing equipment until you have obtained your piercing licence from your local council.

In the interests of honest and professional business, if you attend the course, you agree that you will not practice mobile body piercing or set up your studio within a 5 mile radius of Angel Face Jewellery.

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