

Thank you for your interest in applying to  
**THE TATTOO MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**  
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*Art, Tattoo + Body Mod. Studio!*

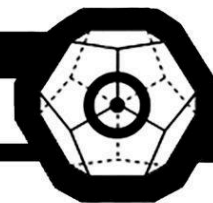
**Please complete the following steps to properly  
submit your application to us.**

- Print out the application on the following pages.
- Fill out pages 3 - 7 in clear, legible handwriting.
- Make sure that the ID used is VALID photo ID that includes your date of birth.
- Attach & email pages 3-7 to [obscura.lbny.tmp@gmail.com](mailto:obscura.lbny.tmp@gmail.com)

**Feel free to contact us with any questions at  
516.324.3518 - call or text!**

*We look forward to having you  
in our program!*

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## OUR HISTORY & OUR MISSION

### *the tattoo mentorship program*

From a very young age, artist Taryn Elise had a goal: to never work a day in her life... well, to never *dislike* working a day in her life. Having dedicated most of her adolescence and schooling to this goal, she spent many years pursuing the artistic career she always wanted. After years of seeking creative jobs, freelance opportunities, volunteer activities, and ultimately anything she could do creatively, she was accepted to The Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, NY.

After several years assuming that a quality degree would put her on the path to success, it became clear that college was not the right fit for her. Feeling very lost, she found herself gravitating to some of the more practical areas of art. Art history and museum studies had been appealing; even teaching was an interest... Finally, one day, everything changed. Having always been intrigued by the tattoo industry and community, she had been slowly collecting tattoos at any opportunity. Somehow, she had never considered it professionally. Long story short, she went to get a tattoo and left with an apprenticeship (and the tattoo)!

*It was like the whole world fell into place... And as she says, tattooing found her.*

After what ended up being a very short and incomplete apprenticeship, Taryn found herself in several transient opportunities; different tattoo shops, traveling to various tattoo conventions... Taryn sought every opportunity to hone her skills and build her clientele. Yet, never having truly received the apprenticeship that every aspiring tattooist should have, her self-taught journey, while exciting and rewarding, was long and challenging. Perspectively, this was also over fifteen years ago, and the tattoo industry was not what it is today. Tattooing, as it should be, was a coveted practice, and a difficult industry to gain footing in - especially for a woman.

In 2018, years of dedication and experience finally paid off. She opened her first brick & mortar establishment, a tattoo inclusive art collective with best friend and custom clothing designer, Jackii Ramis, in Rockaway Beach, NY: The Studio Phantasmagoria. While successful, the Covid Pandemic of 2020 posed many new challenges and obstacles, and Taryn sought new opportunities. Flash forward to 2023 - Taryn is now an award-winning industry veteran, and the proud owner of her third tattoo establishment, Obscura, in her hometown of Long Beach, NY. Obscura is the studio of Taryn's dreams, and she works alongside the team of her dreams as well: her body piercer and wife, Brittany Block, five year graduated apprentice Amanda Leigh, and current apprentice Lilly Marinelli.

*Now that you know the past, you can understand the present...*

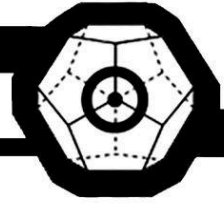
Hi! My name is Taryn Elise, and I am the proud owner of Tattoos by Taryn Elise Inc. and Obscura - Art, Tattoo + Body Mod. Studio. I have dedicated my life to building my craft, my business, and my future. As mentioned, I always had an interest in teaching. I always knew that it would become a piece of my journey. When I took Amanda as my first serious apprentice in 2018, it became even clearer. I wanted to give her the apprenticeship that I never had; I wanted her to learn the art of tattooing in a positive, encouraging, open-minded environment. And that is just what I did. Amanda is now a highly skilled and accomplished tattooer, a feat she achieved in a fraction of the time it took me. Proud is not even the word! The joy I have received watching her learn and excel, and to teach her everything I know, compares to nothing. Adding my newest apprentice, Lilly, to the team made those feelings even clearer!

Apprenticeships come in all shapes and sizes, some better than others... varying shops, personalities, and expectations for both mentor and apprentice. Amanda's interest in the industry had been met with many similar experiences as my own so many years earlier: limited opportunities, bad attitudes, egocentric entitled personalities, and ultimately, extreme difficulty. It is discouraging how difficult it can be to break into the tattoo industry, like so many creative industries. Thankfully, things are much different now than they were years ago, but many archaic constructs do still exist, and opportunities are still limited. In some ways things are better, in some ways they are worse. What I know is this: if you want to learn, even to try, opportunities should be available in a non-judgmental, safe, friendly, informative, inclusive and professional environment.

*And with this in mind, the Tattoo Mentorship Program was born.*



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Does my story, or Amanda's, sound familiar to you? Have you been trying to learn how to tattoo for what feels like forever? Shops have turned you down, online programs with no hands on experience, books and youtube videos, online forums and empty promises? Well then, this is your golden opportunity. Welcome to The Tattoo Mentorship Program. A two part, five week (sixteen day) intensive program to get you the start you need and deserve.

While much of the industry, particularly those who have been around for a long time, frown upon 'tattoo schools' and 'paid apprenticeships', it would be wrong to ignore the direction of today's tattoo world. Establishments and courses are popping up everywhere, ranging in cost, length, and overall quality. As a tattooist who had quite the unique journey, I feel as if it's not only my desire, but my responsibility to share my knowledge. I have had a growing desire to create an ideal learning environment for as many willing and interested students as I can. Wanting to learn a trade and receive proper education for that trade is as old a practice as any - why should tattooing be different?

While in a perfect world I would offer every attendee the opportunity to do a 'full length' apprenticeship, it just simply wouldn't be realistic. It would be impossible to teach you everything within just five weeks, but it was just that thought that brought me to founding The Tattoo Mentorship Program. I want to teach everyone! I truly believe that I have created a wonderful, all inclusive, thorough program... Having designed a curriculum that will provide any willing student with the necessary opportunities to gain a well rounded intensive introduction to the tattoo industry. I also found myself lucky enough to have the perfect space to offer such a program that is spacious, comfortable, and inviting.

It is important to note that The TMP is not a school. The Tattoo Mentorship Program is a hyper focused, specialized, mentored course. The program will start attendees off with a classroom-like experience: an all encompassing breakdown including everything from proper sterile procedure and safety skills, various tattoo equipment and supplies, art theory and drawing workshops, portfolio development, tattoo history and styles, industry and studio do's and don'ts, social media management and even photography skills to better help promote their work. This will include a curated series of interactive workshops, industry based study sessions or seminars, and daily homework assignments to help reinforce and retain each class day.

Operating within a six month window, the first part of the program is a three week (nine day) prerequisite course. This portion of The TMP lays the foundation needed to become a licensed tattooer by our local Nassau County Department of Health (NCDOH). Attendees will take the Health Departments Bloodborne Pathogens exam and obtain OSHA BBP certification, a necessary requirement to physically tattoo individuals and complete the course. This leads directly into part two of the program, a two week (six day) hands-on tattoo apprenticeship, hosted by me within Obscura's studio. During part two you will have the physical experience of tattooing willing clients! You will leave the TMP with a portfolio of artwork and real completed tattoos on actual clients, beautifully photographed and ready to promote! Students will tattoo one-on-one with clients for full days, and have two separate 'walk-in days' at Obscura. I find it a vital experience for every tattooer to work with clients on a spontaneous basis, similar to that of a 'walk-in' tattoo shop. The 'walk-in days' will provide an opportunity to gain that experience. Students will even have the ability to make a profit from their work during the 'walk-in days'.

As if that wasn't enough... Once attendees have completed the full five week (15 day) program they will have six (6) months priority access to my extended Tattoo Mentorship Alumni Program! Obscura's door will always be open! If you're looking for post-program consulting, industry advice, portfolio development, or even a guest spot appearance at the studio, these options will be available to you! Think you might want to start your own studio? Trying to start doing conventions and taking your tattoos on the road? We can help! Maybe you'll have interest in honing your skills in a specified style or technique. We will offer a number of high focus workshops covering topics such as; cover-ups, portraits, custom lettering, geometric/ornamental and so much more. I look to provide a continuing education for all of your tattoo needs, creating a community for the new generation of tattooers and providing a clear cut, informative, and exciting path for those who are simply looking to do what I wanted to... never "work" a day in your life!

***We look forward to sharing this experience with you and helping you find your path to the rich world that is the art of tattooing.***

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**VALID**  
 Applicant Photo ID/  
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EMERGENCY CONTACT: ..... RELATIONSHIP : .....

PREFERRED LANGUAGE : .....

SOCIAL PAGES:

INSTAGRAM, IF YES : ..... NO ☐ TIK TOK, IF YES : ..... NO ☐FACEBOOK, IF YES : ..... NO ☐ OTHER, IF YES : ..... NO ☐

CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION, HOURS/DAYS YOU WORK &amp; HAVE AVAILABLE : .....

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US ? .....

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TATTOOED BEFORE, IF YES, EXPLAIN : NO ☐ .....HAVE YOU EVER TATTOOED BEFORE, IF YES, EXPLAIN : NO ☐ .....

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## Tuition & Program Accompaniments

The Tattoo Mentorship Program is hosted by professional industry tattooist, Taryn Elise (Tattoos by Taryn Elise Inc./TE Arts Inc.) at Obscura - Art, Tattoo + Body Mod. Studio (fully licensed and insured, in Long Beach, NY). The TMP runs for five consecutive weeks, comprised of 15 days, totaling approximately 6-7 hours per day, (which is inclusive of a 1 hour lunch).

### Tuition includes:

**Part 1 of program;** three (three day) weeks of lecture-based studio time

**Part 2 of program:** two (three day) weeks of hands-on apprenticeship working with physical clients

- All necessary PPE and sterile materials required for course participation and completion
- 3 year Nassau County Dept. of Health Blood Borne Pathogens (NCDOH BBP) Tattoo License, valid and applicable (only) for Nassau County, New York
- 1 year OSHA BBP certification

The TMP's Premier Tattoo Apprenticeship Kit complete with:

- ONE (1) professional battery operated 'pen-style' rotary tattoo machine (with 2 batteries+cables)
- ONE (1) variety set of starter professional tattoo inks
- ONE (1) variety pack of professional tattoo needle cartridges (single use/disposable)
- ONE (1) set of fake tattoo skins, variety of type and skin tone
- ONE (1) course binder complete with course syllabus, hand-outs & necessary documentation
- ONE (1) custom course sketching notebook
- ONE (1) Set of Drawing Pens & Mechanical Pencils
- ONE (1) custom Obscura 'Crew' Tee-shirt

The TMP tuition has a total non-refundable cost of \$6,000.00 (USD) per attendee, per program session. Any other supplies an attendee may desire can be purchased during the program at an additional cost. Please see 'Insurances & Allowances' and 'Refunds and Re-Schedules' for further information regarding program limitations, licensing and insurance. Sign below if you fully understand and acknowledge The

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Insurance & Allowances

Both Tattoos by Taryn Elise Inc. and Obscura - Art, Tattoo + Body Mod. Studio are fully licensed and insured via Nassau County, New York and The City of Long Beach. All instructors are fully licensed respectively. All attendees of The TMP are individually insured under TET Inc. & Obscura for the duration of the program while within the studio. While tattoo machines are provided during the course, use of them will not be permitted until AFTER attendees have completed the NCDOH BBP. Attendees will not be permitted to bring their machines off premises until after completion of the NCDOH BBP. The tattooing of another individual during the program, outside of studio hours, is NOT permitted. Obscura will not be held liable in the event of an incident, and the individual will put themselves, their license, and their ability to complete the course in jeopardy. TET Inc./TE Arts Inc. and Obscura hold the right to expel attendees from the program for any misconduct. No refunds will be given. Please sign below if you fully understand and acknowledge The TMP's 'Insurances & Allowances'.

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## Location, Lodging & Transportation

Please be advised that no lodging or transportation is provided by The TMP. Attendees of The TMP will be required to provide their own transportation to & from the studio for the course's five week duration. If you are looking to attend The TMP & are traveling from a substantial distance and require lodging, please contact us directly at 516.324.3518 (call/text) or email [obscura.lbnny.tmp@gmail.com](mailto:obscura.lbnny.tmp@gmail.com) to see if we can be of assistance arranging transportation and/or lodging. We strongly recommend using Airbnb as there are many affordable locations available locally. The LIRR & Bus Station are one block walking distance to Obscura. The TMP holds no responsibility for the transportation of any attendee outside of The TMP's scheduled studio hours. Please sign below if you fully understand and acknowledge The TMP's 'Location, Lodging & Transportation' capabilities & limitations.

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**Payments & Financing Options**

The TMP's session dates will be provided upon acceptance to the program. The full tuition payment deadline date will be provided in regard to the desired TMP session start date. Tuition (\$6,000.00 USD) is required to be paid in full no later than two (2) week (fourteen full days) prior to program start date. Attendees will not be admitted to the program unless full payment has been received. In the event that payment is not made in full by the documented deadline, admittance to the next available program will be offered upon completion of payment. Payments do not expire, & will be held as a deposit toward future course admittance. There are no refunds available under any circumstance. Please read below to further understand more regarding 'Refunds & Re-Schedules'.

While third party financing is not available, program tuition may be paid in six (6) equal parts of \$1000.00 (USD). Full tuition is due upon admittance to the program to reserve session availability. There are no interest based charges and all payments must be made directly to Taryn Elise Tattoos Inc./TE Arts Inc. Cash, major credit card, money order or certified check are the only accepted forms of payment. Attendees wishing to enter a financing agreement with The TMP will be required to sign an adjoining payment agreement document. Please notify The TMP upon program acceptance if financing is desired. Please sign below if you fully understand and acknowledge The TMP's 'Payments and Financing Options'.

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**Refunds & Re-Schedules**

The TMP offers no refunds under any circumstance, partially or in full. However, any payments made to The TMP, partial or in full, do not expire. Any payment(s) made to The TMP will act as a deposit until course attendance has been fulfilled. In the event an attendee cannot complete payment by the required date, admittance to the next available course will be offered. In the event an attendee has completed payment but cannot attend the initially designated course, admittance to the next available course will be offered.

**Attendance for the NCDOH BBP is MANDATORY.** Attendees will not be legally permitted to complete part two of the program (the apprenticeship) without passing the BBP exam. Failure to receive the BBP certification due to attendance will result in expulsion from The TMP. Re-entry will be discussed on a case by case basis. In the event that an attendee does not receive a passing grade for the BBP, a makeup may be offered by the NCDOH and will be discussed on a case by case basis.

**Attendance is MANDATORY for every day of The TMP course.** In the event of a health concern, serious incident or accident, make up days may be provided on a case by case basis. It is strongly recommended that all attendees understand the crucial matter of attendance and are strongly discouraged from applying if full attendance is not a guarantee. Please sign below if you fully understand and acknowledge The TMP's 'Refunds & Re-Schedules' Policies.

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**Required Documents & Materials**

Please include a current, accurate full resume. References are always appreciated, but not required. Several examples of artwork are expected, which may consist of portfolio pieces, paintings, drawings, sketchbook art, digital and/or other physical mediums accepted. Copies, photos or digital files are acceptable to submit.

A color copy of your current and valid photo ID must also be submitted with this application, showing the applicant's date of birth and corresponding full legal name. No applicant under 18 years of age will be admitted to the program. Please sign below and complete this application with the required documents and materials if you fully understand and acknowledge the TMP's 'Required Documents & Materials'.

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## OUR ALUMNI COMMUNITY & OFFERINGS

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As mentioned in our mission, The TMP offers a number of continuing education workshops and opportunities. We want all of our alumni to know that your mentors and Obscura are always here for you! Upon the completion of The TMP, we want to make sure that you always have helping hands to reach out to. We are happy to help with a wide range of endeavors or questions you may have! This includes, but is not limited to, topics such as;

*Guest Spot Appearances at Obscura  
Other Traveling Interests  
Conventions, Weddings & Other Events  
Industry Related Questions & Career Development  
Drawing & Tattoo Related Questions  
Equipment & Supply Recommendations  
Local Laws, Licensing, Restrictions & Regulations  
Professional & or Private Studio Start-up & Set-up  
And so much more!*

### Available Specialty Workshops:

*Cover-ups and Re-works  
Micro Detail & Single Needle Techniques  
Custom Lettering & Calligraphy  
Ornamental, Geometric, Dotwork & Patterning  
Portraits*

We want you to leave The TMP knowing that our growing community of alumni, and mentors alike, have your back! In an effort to keep you on track, we are here to offer you the tools and techniques you will need to have a successful and fulfilling career in the tattoo arts. We look forward to knowing you and growing with you!

LOVE - OBSCURA & THE TMP