

Ink Different Tattoos Launches Tattoo Apprenticeship Program in Greater Pittsburgh with Toiled Clover Tattoo Parlor

In Partnership with Toiled Clover Tattoo Parlor and Artist Rick Chirdon, Ink Different Expands Its College-Alternative Tattoo Apprenticeship to Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, PA, UNITED STATES, July 16, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Ink Different Tattoos](#) is proud to announce the launch of its newest tattoo apprenticeship location in the greater [Pittsburgh](#) area, in collaboration with Toiled Clover Tattoo Parlor, a

community-rooted studio in Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, led by Tattoo Artist Rick Chirdon. This partnership brings Ink Different's structured, real-world apprenticeship program to one of the most welcoming and craft-driven studios in the region, offering aspiring Tattoo Artists a clear path into a professional, AI-proof creative career.

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Toiled Clover Tattoo Parlor has built a reputation grounded in custom work, genuine mentorship, and a collaborative studio culture that values growth at every level. Leading the apprenticeship program is Rick Chirdon, a Tattoo Artist

whose reputation is built on three of the most technically demanding disciplines in the industry: realism, portraits, and cover-ups. Rick brings expert skill and a genuine commitment to mentorship to every apprentice he guides.



A College Alternative in the Pittsburgh Area

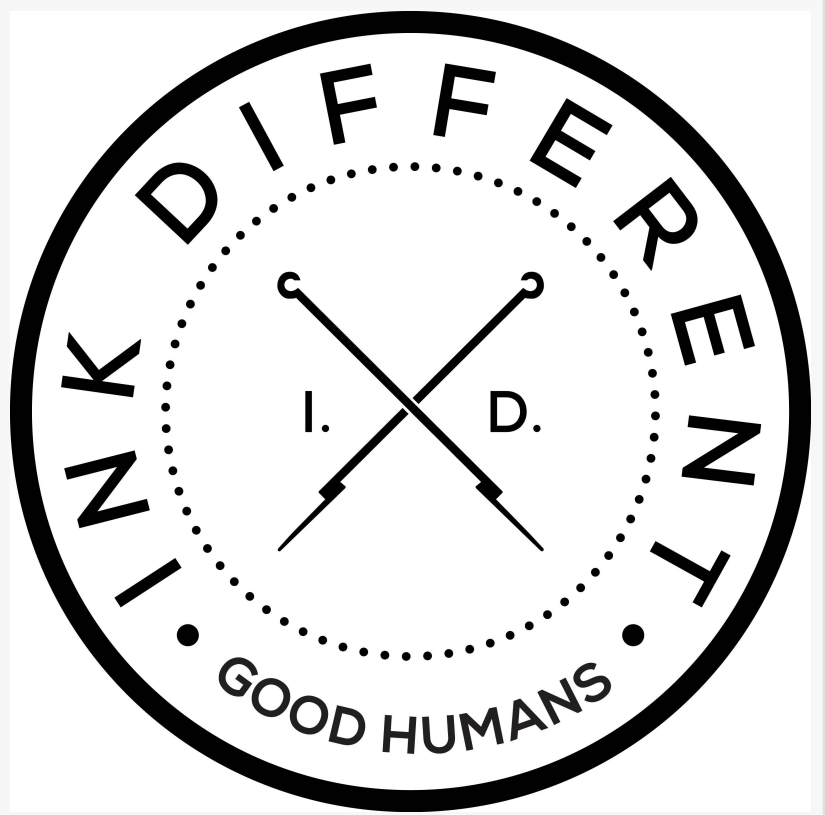
Ink Different's Tattoo Apprenticeship is designed as a structured college alternative for talented artists aspiring to become professional Tattoo Artists. Instead of taking on student debt for a four-year degree, apprentices learn the trade of tattooing with Ink Different and studios like Toiled Clover Tattoo Parlor, receiving hands-on experience, one-on-one mentorship, and professional development over 18–24 months.

Tattooing is an AI-proof career, driven by human creativity, craftsmanship, and personal connection. With professional Tattoo Artists earning a median income of around \$106,000 per year, the apprenticeship offers a practical pathway from passion to profession.

Graduates complete the program industry-ready, with a guaranteed job offer upon successful completion and the skills needed to thrive in today's competitive tattoo industry.

Now Enrolling in the Pittsburgh Area

Applications are now open for the Ink Different Tattoo Apprenticeship at Toiled Clover Tattoo Parlor in Gibsonia. Whether you're a recent graduate exploring a college alternative or someone ready to commit to a creative career, this program offers structure, real mentorship, and a clear path forward in one of Pennsylvania's most passionate and community-driven studio environments.



Ink Different Tattoos



Toiled Clover Tattoo Parlor

Learn more or apply at: becomeatattooartist.com

About Ink Different Tattoo Apprenticeship

Ink Different Tattoos is rewriting the rules of tattoo education, replacing the traditional college path with real apprenticeships in active studios across the country. The company is built on a foundation of excellence, equal opportunity, and long-term career growth, giving aspiring Tattoo Artists hands-on training, dedicated one-on-one mentorship, and a guaranteed job offer at the end of the program. Through its Traditional and Master Mentorship tracks, Ink Different is setting a new benchmark for professional tattoo education nationwide.

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