

KIN+SUGI
MEDICAL TATTOO ACADEMY

COURSE GUIDE

ADVANCED MEDICAL TATTOO TRAINING

IN PERSON TRAINING

Scar & Stretch Mark Camouflage
3D Realism Areola Tattooing
Skin Camouflage
Scalp Micro Pigmentation
3D Belly Button Tattoos
3D Finger & Toe Nail Recreation

ONLINE LEARNING

Realism Areola Drawing Course
Colour Theory Explained
Needle Cartridges Explained
Additional Support
Business & Marketing Tips
Industry Updates & More

Payment plan options available

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KINTSUGI

Kintsugi is the ancient Japanese art of mending broken pottery with gold, teaching us that beauty can be found not in perfection, but in resilience.

Kin+Sugi is about honouring the journey and celebrating imperfections.

Medical tattooing restores confidence, dignity, and identity for those who've experienced surgery, trauma, or transformation.

Whether it's recreating a natural-looking areola after breast cancer, camouflaging scars, or blending stretch marks into the skin - this work is about more than appearance.

It's about embracing each person's story, not erasing it.

Like gold filling the cracks of porcelain, our work doesn't aim to hide the past, but to honour it - to transform what was once a mark of pain into a symbol of survival, strength, and self-love.

Kintsugi reminds us: you are not broken—you are art.

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Welcome to Kin+Sugi Medical Tattoo Academy.

You are about to explore a career path where artistry, precision, and compassion come together to create profound change. This is a service we are both strongly passionate about and are excited to pass on our extensive knowledge in the Medical Tattoo Industry to be able to hugely impact the lives of those who need it most.

Our training programs are designed to equip you with advanced skills that go beyond technique, preparing you to restore confidence and dignity for clients in deeply meaningful ways.

Every service you will learn has the potential to transform lives.
Whether it is supporting a breast cancer survivor through areola tattooing, concealing scars and stretch marks with advanced camouflage methods, or restoring identity through scalp or belly button tattooing.
Your work will carry both artistic and emotional impact.

It is our privilege to guide and mentor the next generation of medical tattoo artists across Australia and New Zealand.

We look forward to supporting you as you begin this exciting and rewarding journey.

— Shelby & Melinda,



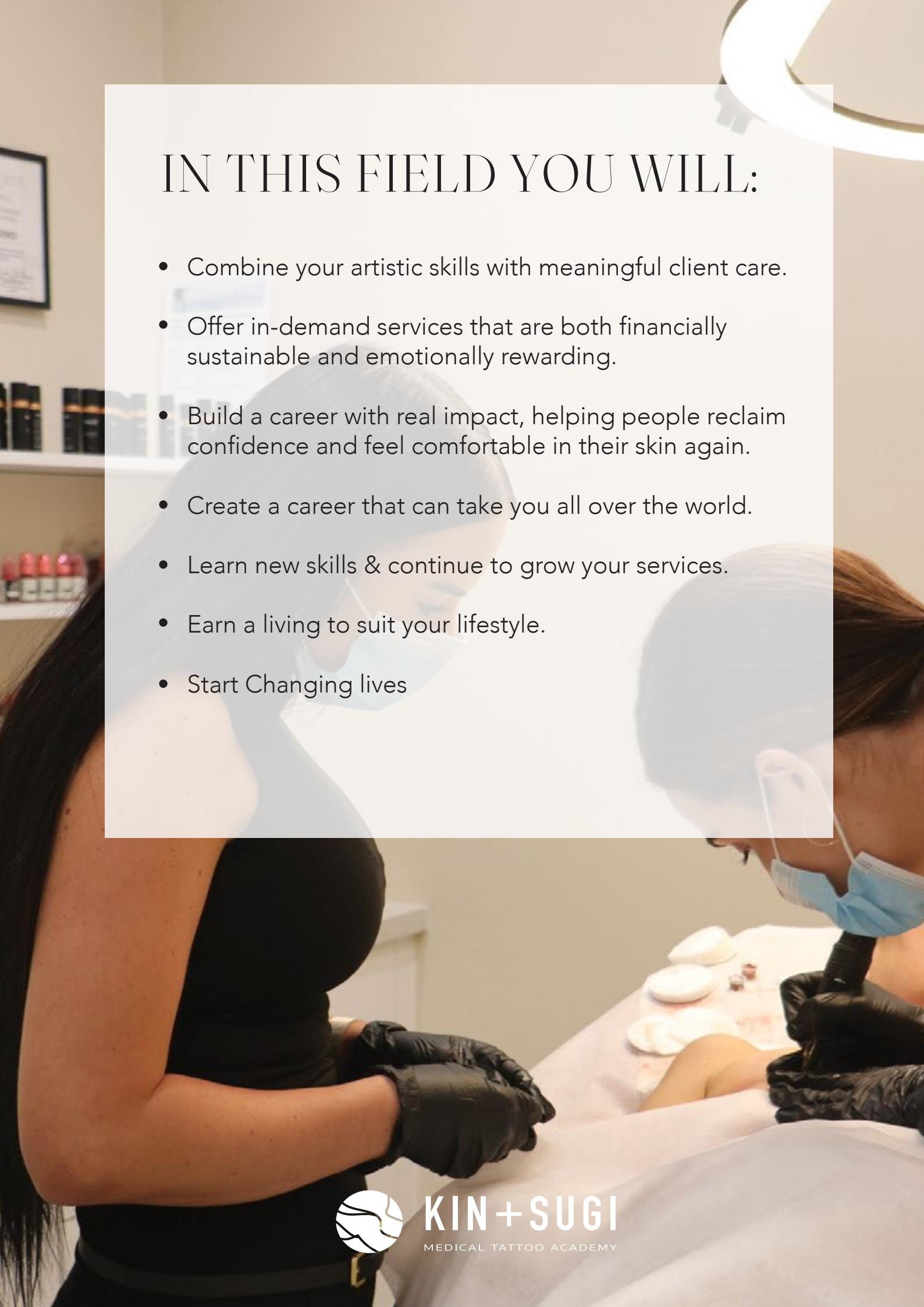
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Why Medical Tattooing?

Medical tattooing is one of the most rewarding and rapidly expanding fields in the industry today. Increasing numbers of clients are seeking safe, professional, and natural solutions to restore their confidence after medical treatments, surgery, or personal changes to their body.

This is more than just learning a technique, it is stepping into a profession where your work can change lives every single day.



IN THIS FIELD YOU WILL:

- Combine your artistic skills with meaningful client care.
- Offer in-demand services that are both financially sustainable and emotionally rewarding.
- Build a career with real impact, helping people reclaim confidence and feel comfortable in their skin again.
- Create a career that can take you all over the world.
- Learn new skills & continue to grow your services.
- Earn a living to suit your lifestyle.
- Start Changing lives

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About Kin+Sugi Academy

Kin+Sugi Academy is dedicated to raising the standard of medical tattoo training across Australia and New Zealand. Our programs are created with a unique blend of fine art expertise in the Traditional Tattoo industry, Cosmetic industry, and years of practical tattooing experience in all three industries.

We have combined all the best techniques from these industries to give you the most well rounded, informative and high quality training & results.

What sets us apart:

Comprehensive, high-level training suitable for both beginners and professionals.

Expert instruction from trainers with backgrounds in realism tattooing, aesthetics, and medical knowledge.

Small class sizes, ensuring you receive personalised guidance and support throughout your train ing.

Ongoing mentorship and alumni support, so your journey continues well beyond the classroom.

Our academy is known for combining professional-ism with compassion & preparing our students not only to excel in technical skill, but to approach their clients with care and empathy.

Courses Overview

At Kin+Sugi Academy, each course is carefully designed to provide both practical skills and the confidence to deliver professional results. We offer specialist training programs in the following areas:

Scar & Stretch Mark Camouflage

Learn how to seamlessly blend scars and stretch marks with surrounding skin to achieve natural, lasting results.

3D Realism Areola Tattooing

Develop advanced 3D realism techniques that help breast cancer survivors and gender-affirming clients reconnect with their bodies. We also offer an online realism areola drawing course for those wanting to enhance their learning experience.

3D Belly Button Tattoos

Train in this highly specialised service that restores confidence and natural appearance following abdominal surgeries.

Scalp Micropigmentation (SMP)

Master the art of natural hair replication to provide discreet, effective solutions for clients experiencing thinning or total hair loss.

Skin Camouflage

Upgrade your skills with an advanced version of Scar & Stretch Mark Camouflage, allowing your clients a more natural finish to larger areas of camouflage by creating the illusion of freckles and other natural skin tone effects.

3D Finger & Toe Nail Recreation Tattoo

An advanced tattoo technique to create the illusion of finger or toe nails for those who are missing a nail.

*Online learning and mentoring as well as business tips & tricks are also available on our website

Course Structure

Theory Component:

1. Hygiene, infection control, PPE & legal documentation

Skin anatomy & wound healing processes

Student Kit exploration + student manual & supplier information

Business requirements, licensing and business set up

Advanced colour theory practice, understanding pigment selection across diverse skin tones

Needle cartridges explained, tattoo machine functions, settings & technique practice

Serums & inks explained - active ingredients and their role in skin regeneration.

Client consultation process & information forms

Growing your clients, business development, marketing tips & price guides

Case studies & healed images to use for your own marketing

This component ensures you are fully prepared before working on real clients.

Practical (In-Studio):

2. Train in a supportive, hands-on environment with real-time guidance from experienced trainers & individual photos of yourself during services to use for marketing

Perform techniques under guided supervision

Work on live models all day to build confidence and competence as well as learn a diverse range of client skin needs.

Perform real client consultations & learn how to best take 'before' photos

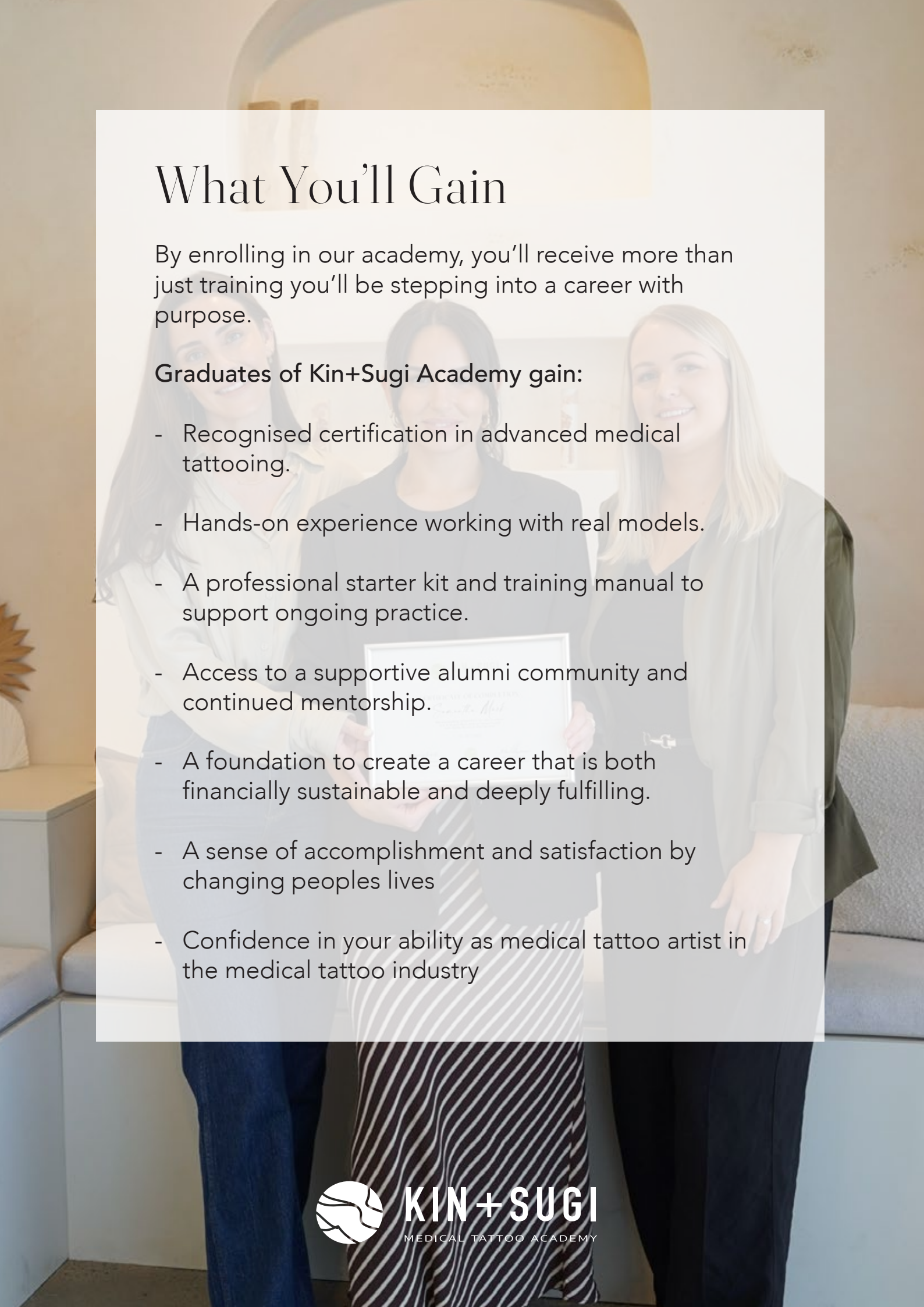
Receive personalised feedback to refine your skills.

Get your hours up on machine use to assure correct depth, technique & skin response

Recieve client healed photos to check progress and use for your own business

Ongoing Support

At Kin+Sugi we have an open door policy
If you need extra support or mentoring we're always here to help!



What You'll Gain

By enrolling in our academy, you'll receive more than just training you'll be stepping into a career with purpose.

Graduates of Kin+Sugi Academy gain:

- Recognised certification in advanced medical tattooing.
- Hands-on experience working with real models.
- A professional starter kit and training manual to support ongoing practice.
- Access to a supportive alumni community and continued mentorship.
- A foundation to create a career that is both financially sustainable and deeply fulfilling.
- A sense of accomplishment and satisfaction by changing peoples lives
- Confidence in your ability as medical tattoo artist in the medical tattoo industry

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Student Journey

Your pathway to becoming a medical tattoo artist is structured for both confidence and success:

APPLY
Begin with a personalised enrolment consultation to ensure the program is right for you

TRAIN
Take part in immersive, in-person training sessions led by experienced professionals.

PRACTICE
Gain practical experience by working on models under expert supervision.

GRADUATE
Receive your certification and ongoing support as you launch your career.

From start to finish, you'll be guided with professionalism, care, and a commitment to your success.



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Investment & Inclusions

Training with Kin+Sugi Academy is an investment in a life long career. Our courses include everything you need to get started:

- Comprehensive training manual.
- Professional starter kit.
- Hands-on training with real models.
- Certification upon completion.
- Continued access to mentorship and professional guidance.

Payment Plans

We also offer flexible payment options to make training accessible, ensuring you can begin your career without unnecessary barriers.

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STUDENT KIT

All our kits are tailored per service, however they all consist of the same basics. Below is what is included in our Areola trainings student kit to give you an idea.

Areola Tattoo Student Kit

Basics
1 x Large Kin+Sugi Academy Case
1 x Large Kin+Sugi Kit Carry Bag
1 x Mast wireless tattoo machine
1 x Set of inks
1 x Student manual
1 x Client Aftercare bag
1 x Copy of editable client consent forms
1 x Copy of client aftercare information
40 x Needle cartridge variety
10 x Gloves
5 x Face masks
20 x Ink cups
1 x Grip tape
1 x Vasaline
5 x Alcohol wipes
1 x Ink mixer
1 x Bag Cotton tips

Areola Specific content
1x Areola reference images booklet
1x Circle ruler
1x Ruler
1x Callipers
1x White pencil
1x Skin marker
1x White string
1 x Blank drawing booklet
5 x areola coloured pencils
1x Rubber
1x Sharpener

Student Success Stories

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The scar camouflage course at Kin+Sugi with Melinda and Shelby was an amazing experience. Their expertise and supportive teaching style made complex techniques accessible and enjoyable to learn. The training covered everything from color theory to practical application, helping me build confidence and precision. I especially appreciated their focus on client care and personalisation.

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This course is perfect for anyone looking to enhance their skills and offer life-changing scar camouflage services. Highly recommended!

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Absolutely transformative experience!

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I recently completed the Scar Camouflage Course at Kin+Sugi Medical Tattoo Academy, and I couldn't be more impressed. From start to finish, the training was thoughtfully structured, hands-on, and incredibly empowering

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Melinda and Shelby are phenomenal trainers — their knowledge, skill, and passion for medical tattooing shine through in every aspect of the course. They create a welcoming, encouraging environment where no question feels too small, and their attention to detail is second to none. I especially appreciated how they balanced technical instruction with real-world application, making sure each student left confident and ready to begin working with clients.

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The academy itself is professional, well-equipped, and clearly committed to the highest standards of safety, artistry, and care. This course didn't just teach me a skill — it opened a new chapter in my career where I can help people heal and feel confident in their own skin

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If you're considering a career in paramedical tattooing or want to add scar camouflage to your services, I can't recommend Shelby & Melinda from Kin+Sugi highly enough!

FAQ

Do I need tattoo or beauty experience to start?
No. Our courses are suitable for beginners and professionals alike. Whether your are familiar with a tattoo machine or not, we cater the learning to suit everyones expertise.

Where is training held?
We host training sessions in select locations across Australia and New Zealand. These are usually held at the end of every month - so follow our socials or sign up to our contact list to stay up do date. If your location isn't listed in the upcoming trainings, feel free to reach out to us as we will host them where there is growing demand.

Will I be qualified to work after completing the course?
Yes. Once you receive certification, you'll be equipped to begin offering services within your professional scope and local regulations. Shelby & Melinda both hold their TAE40122 Certificate which qualifies them as a trainer & assesor

Are payment plans available?
Yes. We offer flexible payment options to make training more accessible.

Does the course come with a kit & supplies?
Yes. The In-Person trainings all come with your own kit which is available when you arrive. Your trainers will go through everything in the kit and you can use the machine provided in the kit so you can get a feel for it -or you can bring your own. The Kit comes with a student manual and all the supplier information is listed in that.

How will we know how much to charge clients?
The student manual has a price list included in the back of it for you to easily refer back to once you are in your own clinic

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PRICING

Scar & Stretch Mark Camouflage (3 Days)

This course is tailored to those who have had no experience.
This covers ink & inkless techniques & includes a full student kit
A $8,999 or Payment Plan Options Available

3D Areola Realism Tattoo (5 Days)

This course is for those with machine experience only. If you've had no experience with a tattoo machine we suggest adding the 'fundamentals' course on which is an additional day of training or taking our 'Combo" course which inculdes the additional day of learning.
This includes 3D realism drawing training & full student kit
$12,000. or Payment Plan Options Available

Camouflage & Areola Combo (5 Days) *SAVE $2,998*

This course combines both trainings into 5 days. It includes theory, fundamentals of tattooing, artistic training, and hands on experience with models. This also includes your full student kit.
$12,000 or Payment Plan Options Available

Scalp Micropigmentation (2 Days)

This two day training is great for beginners and experienced tattooists. Covering theory, fundamentals of tattooing and hands on experience with live models. This course covers everything needed to become a talented SMP artist. Comes with a full student kit.
$6,999 or Payment Plan Options Available

3D Belly Button Recreation (2 Days)

This two day training teaches you the skill set to recreate the illusion of a belly button for those who have undergone a tummy tuck.
Covering theory, fundamentals of tattooing and hands on experience with live models. & comes with a student kit
$6,000 or Payment Plan Options Available

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CAMOUFLAGE RESULTS

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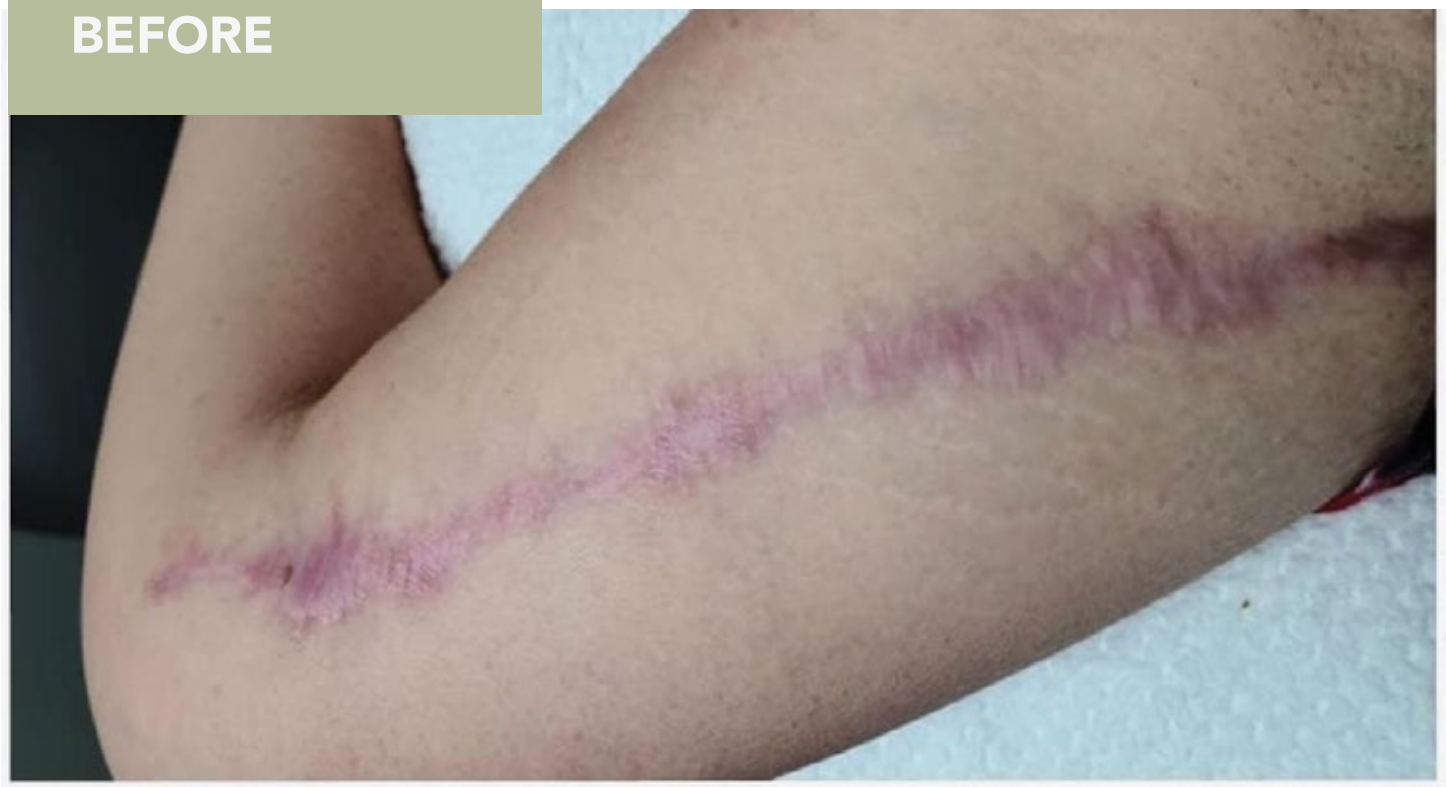


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INKLESS RESULTS

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3D REALISM AREOLA

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REALISM AREOLA

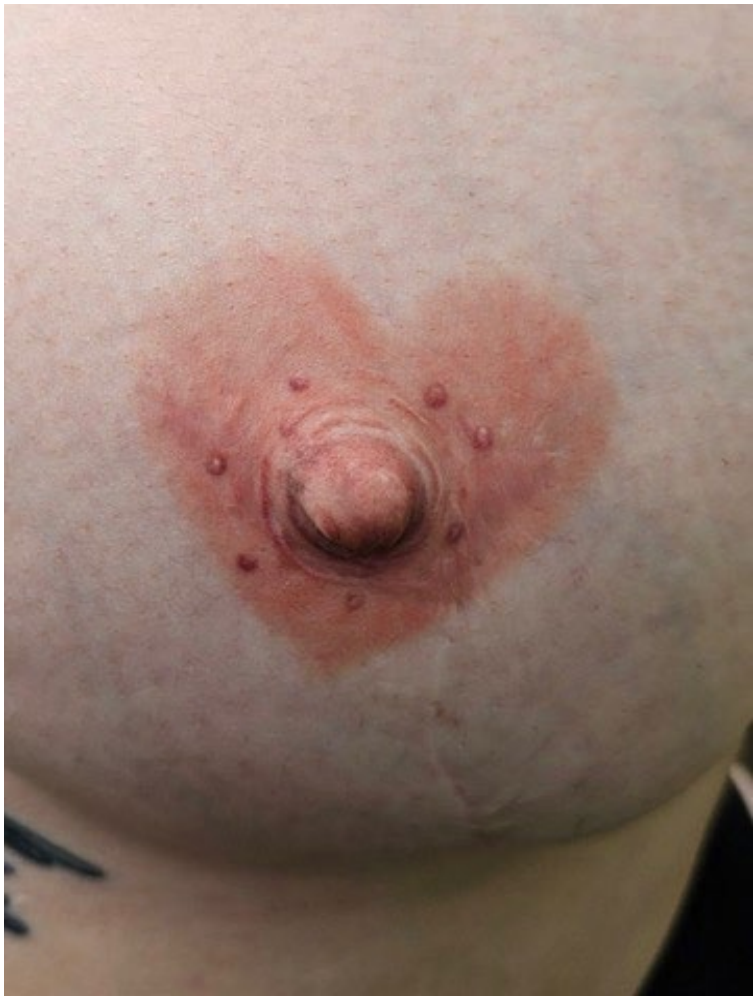
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SCALP MICRO PIGMENTATION

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3D NAIL RECREATION TATTOO

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JOIN THE INDUSTRY & START MAKING AN IMPACT.

At Kin+Sugi Academy, our mission is to set the standard in medical tattoo training by combining professional skill with genuine care. By joining us, you are not just learning a skill, you are stepping into a career where your work will restore confidence, rebuild identity, and create meaningful change.

Are you ready to begin your journey as a medical tattoo artist?

How to take the next step:

- Visit our website for course dates and locations
- Apply for our upcoming intake via the website or email.
- Book a discovery call with our training advisor.
- Pay your deposit or start your payment plan
- Start getting excited!

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Places are limited to ensure small class sizes and a supportive learning environment - Don't Miss Out!