

Eyebrow Microblading: Things to Know

Regular price for 1st application- \$450

2nd application or perfecting- \$200- is recommended but not required. It must be done 4-8 weeks from the first application. Patient may incur another 1st application charge due to significant fading.

Microblading is a semi-permanent tattooing technique that creates hair like strokes to fill in sparse or thinning brows. The practice aims to give you an effortless full brow without having to color them in each morning. Just wake up and go!

Things to know-

1. No, it's not permanent.

As we mentioned above, microblading is semi-permanent.

Cosmetic tattooing, unlike body art tattooing, is much more superficial to the skin. The inks are also much more degradable. Your own immune system will digest the ink and push out the pigment. Over time these looks tend to fade. Most people want to get another application in 18 months – 2 years.

2. Most people require two sessions to get their ideal brow.

Your average person needs about two sessions —one first session, and then a touch-up session four weeks later. They may come back four – eight weeks later because, depending on their skin type, their skin may push out a bit of ink and in some places the hair strokes won't be as saturated as we want them. You can tell if there's minor imperfections after the first session that need to be filled in.

3. Some skin types retain ink better than others.

Very oily skin types are the most difficult skin type to work with. They're at risk of rejecting the pigment and they are prone to pigment hydration, which is where the pigment fans into each other and the strokes sort of blend. This makes a more powder-filled looking brow rather than a brow with distinct strokes.

If you have a tendency to scar or retain keloids very easily, you might not want to have this procedure.

4. Microblading can be time consuming.

It takes about 1.5 hours for the first application. It takes 10 minutes for consent and pictures and 10 – 15 minutes to draw the brows, depending on how much hair the client has. Then, the first round of strokes are applied with an application of pigment on top which sets for 10 minutes. Then round two of strokes are applied with more pigment saturation. Usually, this takes about 45 minutes.

5. Yes, it might hurt.

The patient might feel some pressure and a scratch-like sensation. They should numb one hour before they come in. They can pick up a small container of numbing before their appt or come in an hour early to numb. Additional numbing will be applied during the process. Usually it is just a little tender after.

6. Your brows will lighten considerably after the first week.

Don't panic if you feel like your brows are too dark immediately after the procedure. They will look darker during the healing period. Trust the process and follow the aftercare instructions carefully.

The first three days are the darkest days for your brows. By days four and five those little scabs start to fall off and by days seven and eight you can actually see the result underneath. It's about 50% to 75% lighter than the day one eyebrows. The look fades significantly.

7. If your brows get messed up, they can be fixed.

Sometimes patients may not like the look of their new brow or it does not fit their face or eye shape. Sometimes the artist may make a mistake with the shape or strokes. It can be fixed! After at least 6 weeks, it can be treated with Pico laser or get removed or reshaped by a machine removal process. Then the shape can be tweaked after the brow heals. This process may take a while from the time of the initial tattoo, healing from the tattoo, treatment of laser or removal, healing, then correction application.

Patients are welcome to email ABagwell@hamiltnderm.com pictures if they would like an online consult, but most do not need this. It is time consuming drawing on the template for the brows so that is best done during the first application. They can also bring in pictures of themselves with brows they like. Many times, it is hard to use celebrities or other people as a model for brows. The eye shape and bone structure are often very different.