

# WILL THEY HIRE ME WITH BODY PIERCINGS?

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Over the past 10 years, tattoos and body piercings have become quite a phenomenon in today's society. If someone would have walked into a job interview in 1987 with some piercings on their face and tattoos on their neck and lower arms, most likely, they wouldn't have been taken seriously. Now it is much more common to see this, and it's also becoming socially acceptable.

When college ends for me in a little over three months, I am going to go out into the real world and finally look for a nice job. For me (as well as some other soon-to-be college

graduates), there might be another wall to climb. I, as well as a few others on campus, have either visible body piercings and/or tattoos. This can cause problems being hired, because of first impressions, and since this will affect me, this is why I am driven to write this story.

I actually spoke with a few employers, and I received mixed reactions from them.

Roxanne Showers, a business manager at Citadel Communications, spoke with me about this topic. Citadel owns many radio stations in the United States. When speaking with her about the chances of someone being hired with visible piercings and/or tattoos,



she stated that, "Their piercings wouldn't have any effect on them being hired, not at all." She continued by saying that, "we run no judgment on anyone who comes in with piercings or tattoos."

On the other hand, I also spoke with Karen Sloat, who is the assistant controller for WGAL. She stated; "It depends on the severity of it and it depends on what they want to do within our company." She continued by adding; "Having piercings or tattoos shouldn't detract, but it does depend on what position they are seeking, especially on-air, there is a certain dress code."

## Library gets new copiers

**Old vend cards must be exchanged**

Four new Sharp copiers and a new vend-card system have been placed in the PSH library under the business services satellite copier program. A coin operated unit and a card-operated unit are located on the first floor, with two additional card-operated units located on the second floor.

All of the copiers enlarge, reduce, and print both sides (if desired) on 8.5 x 11 and 8.5 x 14 paper. Other options are also available. Copy costs have been reduced to 10 cents per copy for coin operation and 8 cents per copy for vend-card operation. The initial cost of a vend-card remains \$1. The vend card machine will accept \$1, \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills for the exact amount to be added to the vend card (no change is returned). The coin-operated copier will accept \$1, \$5, \$10 bills, and coins with change returned at the end of the transaction.

Vend-cards for the old copier system must be exchanged at the library circulation desk for a new vend-card. The old cards will not work in the new equipment. The library staff will exchange your old card and add the current balance to a new card. The entire process takes about two minutes. Old vend-cards must be exchanged prior to February 28, 2002. The old vend-card reader will not be available after that date and the balance on the old card can no longer be transferred to a new card.

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