

HISTORY

NBSS was founded in 1881 as North Bennet Street Industrial School. Our original objective was to assist immigrants as they adjusted to their new country by providing the training needed for gainful employment.

Pauline Agassiz Shaw, the School's founder, was committed to teaching a wide variety of skills and providing social services to the community. Vocational training classes were offered in pottery, printing, sewing, sheet-metal work, and watch repair as well as the carpentry, cabinet making, and jewelry making classes that continue today.

PHILOSOPHY

From the start, NBSS implemented a Swedish system of craftsmanship training known as "Sloyd." This method focuses on the development of character, intellect, and hand skills—including an understanding of tools, materials, and processes. Ultimately, the method seeks to teach the "whole person" how to make a living and how to lead a fuller life. Today, the philosophy of Sloyd remains at the heart of the School.

NORTH
BENNET ST.
SCHOOL

MISSION

Our mission is to train students for careers in traditional trades that use hand skills in concert with evolving technology, to preserve and advance craft traditions, and to promote greater appreciation of craftsmanship.



A good life, built by hand.

NBSS

FULL-TIME PROGRAMS

At the School's core are nine Full-Time programs, each of which provide intensive, hands-on training:

- Bookbinding
- Cabinet & Furniture Making
- Carpentry
- Jewelry Making & Repair
- Locksmithing & Security Technology
- Basic Piano Technology
- Advanced Piano Technology
- Preservation Carpentry
- Violin Making & Repair

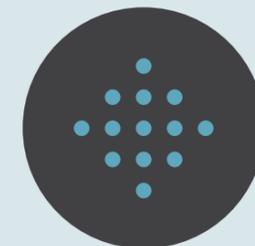
Our faculty are highly experienced professionals, who instill in students a sense of care and a commitment to excellence.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

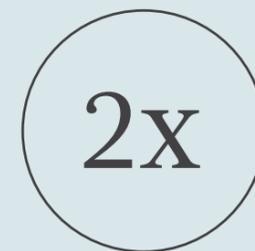
We offer dozens of non-accredited Continuing Education classes, for those eager to learn a new skill or perfect an existing practice. In addition, we partner with other institutions to teach traditional trades to children and young adults.

COMMUNITY

NBSS students are ambitious, passionate, and diverse. They are veterans, single parents, from the LGBTQ community, international in origin, and others who vary in age, education, and ethnicity. All are hard-working and determined to excel in a rigorous environment. Our close-knit community of craftspeople continues past graduation, with over 3,000 alumni around the world who provide invaluable insight, mentorship, and connections through their network.



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STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO



NBSS SCHOLARSHIP MONEY
AWARDED HAS DOUBLED OVER
THE LAST 5 YEARS



NBSS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
AVAILABLE IN 2022



FACILITIES

The School's 64,000 sf facility includes workshops and classrooms that provide the bench space and equipment necessary for the highest quality instruction. A store and exhibit space offer additional resources for students and the public.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

We make the admissions process easy, and support prospective students throughout. Financial aid, scholarships, and veterans benefits are available to qualified students. To learn more visit nbss.edu/admissions.

"NBSS was an investment in my future. I now have a unique set of timeless skills I can use to earn a living."

—Amanda Nelsen, Bookbinding '07

LIVING IN BOSTON

NBSS is located in Boston's historic North End, the community in which it was originally founded. Boston is ranked among the world's top cities for its history, culture, green space, and careers, providing a wonderful backdrop for the training that occurs at the School.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Every year, we host a variety of lectures, events, and exhibits, both on-site and at locations around Boston. Among these are popular events like our Open House in the fall and an annual exhibit in the spring. Most are free and open to the public. For more info, visit nbss.edu/calendar.

GIVING

Donors play a crucial role in supporting the School's mission, helping to bridge the gap between tuition income and the cost of running a preeminent learning institution.

Every gift matters, and helps create life-changing opportunities for the next generation of craftspeople. Visit nbss.edu/donate to make your gift today, and thank you for your support.



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WORK WITH THE BEST

NBSS graduates are trained to produce the highest quality work and are committed to excellence in their craft. Every year, we receive hundreds of requests from those seeking to hire or commission our students and alumni. The diversity of jobs and projects spans a full range of disciplines, including:

- Employing someone full- or part-time for a business, agency, or organization
- Creating or restoring furniture, books, jewelry, musical instruments, and more
- Constructing a garage, renovating a space, or adding to a home
- Preserving a historic structure or crafting a structure using historic techniques
- Tuning, repairing, or restoring pianos

Visit nbss.edu/projects to submit your opportunity or project and have it shared with our talented community.

GALLERY/STORE

Our store/gallery showcases a collection of handmade items created by NBSS artisans, including fine furniture, wooden bowls, leather-bound journals, jewelry in silver and gold, and more! Specialized hand tools, marbled papers, and NBSS-branded items are also for sale. At times throughout the year, hand-built sheds, grand pianos, or other large items may also be available.

Visit nbss.edu/store to shop online, or stop by Monday-Friday, 8:30am-2:00pm.

HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT TO SCHEDULE A VISIT?

Learn more at nbss.edu/contact, or contact us at **617.227.0155** or info@nbss.edu.



ACCREDITATION AND LICENSING

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