

NBSS trains students for careers in traditional trades that use hand skills in concert with evolving technology. Our mission is to preserve and advance craft traditions while promoting a greater appreciation of craftsmanship.

For more than a century, our exceptional programs, master faculty, and inspiring community have helped students to achieve meaningful lives and careers. The School's 64,000-square-foot facility is located in Boston's historic North End, the community in which it was originally founded in 1881.

We offer nine full-time, accredited programs to those seeking a career in traditional trades. A variety of short-term [Continuing Education courses](#) are also available.



CABINET & FURNITURE MAKING

A good life, built by hand.

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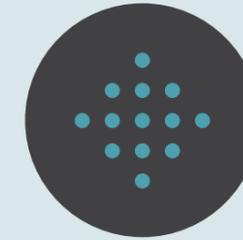
Our two-year Cabinet & Furniture Making program teaches fine craftsmanship through projects based on 18th- and 19th-century furniture designs. With these traditional models as a foundation, you'll be able to design and build furnishings of any era you choose.

As a custom furniture maker at NBSS, you'll learn how to use and maintain both hand tools and power equipment. You'll estimate costs, choose materials, and prepare working drawings for each project. You'll cut various joints, turn, carve, and bend wood, apply marquetry or veneers. You'll develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary to create thoughtful furniture pieces to exacting standards.

The expansive program space includes a large bench room, demonstration area, library, and finishing room. Students take regular field trips to view private and museum collections, and to visit the shops of prominent local woodworkers.

"I would not be where I am today had I not attended NBSS. I learned that if I do something well, the rest will fall into place."

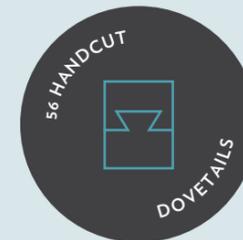
—Nikolaus Meller CF '96



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AWARDED HAS DOUBLED OVER
THE LAST 5 YEARS



IN EACH STUDENT'S
HANDMADE TOOL CHEST

FACULTY

Dan Faia CF '94 is both an instructor and the Department Head. He has over 25 years of experience in all aspects of furniture making, and specializes in traditional woodcarving.

Lance Patterson CF '79 has designed and built custom furniture for over 35 years. He was named a 2016 Mentor in Design by *Design New England Magazine*.

Matt Wajda CF '00 has over 15 years of experience, is a member of the New Hampshire Woodworkers, and contributes to *Fine Woodworking Magazine*.

Jamey Pope CF '06 is a furniture maker and former general contractor, who manages a multi-tenant shop in West Concord, MA where he builds custom projects and musical instruments.

Ryan Messier CF '11 worked in the tool industry for 10 years before attending NBSS. He owns a cabinet, furniture, and millwork shop, doing historic repair and reproductions, custom kitchens, and more.

In addition to the regular faculty, we often have established artisans and historians visit the School to lead workshops.

CAREERS

Graduates of our Cabinet & Furniture Making program work in a wide variety of careers, from running independent custom shops, to conserving pieces in historic collections, to working for larger manufacturers, contractors, or designers. Our alumni write articles and books on furniture making, they present at shows and conferences, and they help educate the next generation as faculty of woodworking programs and schools. Notably, the Society of Period American Furniture Makers has presented the prestigious Cartouche Award to four of our graduates, and to the School as well.

Learn more about NBSS and our Cabinet & Furniture Making program, including student life, career options, tuition costs, admissions requirements, and more.

nbss.edu/furniture.





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Ready to get started? nbss.edu/apply

STUDENT SUPPORT & CAREER SERVICES

We provide a supportive and stimulating learning environment for those seeking a career in fine craftsmanship. Outside of the classroom, students attend social events, career workshops, a business preparation course, and public lectures that enhance their hands-on instruction. Our alumni are also well-connected to the School, offering students both mentorship and employment opportunities.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

Our students are hard-working, patient, and determined to excel in a rigorous environment. They value fine craftsmanship and the satisfaction of learning a traditional trade. We welcome applications throughout the year, with the class start for Cabinet & Furniture Making occurring each January and September.

Financial aid, scholarships, and veterans benefits are available to qualified students. To learn more and apply, visit nbss.edu/financialaid.

HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT TO SCHEDULE A VISIT?

Contact Rob O'Dwyer, Director of Admissions, at **617.227.0155 x111** or admissions@nbss.edu.



ACCREDITATION AND LICENSING

North Bennet Street School is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges. Visit accsc.org, or contact them at 703.247.4212, or ACCSC, 2101 Wilson Boulevard #302, Arlington, VA 22201.

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