

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 training programs to those seeking a career in traditional trades. A variety of short-term [Community Education courses](#) are also available.



Our comprehensive Piano Technology programs give you the skills you need to start a successful business and pursue a deeply satisfying career.

# PIANO TECHNOLOGY

*A good life, built by hand.*

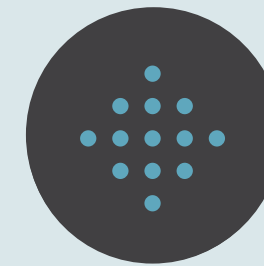
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We offer two nine-month courses—Basic Piano Technology (PT) and Advanced Piano Technology (PA)—both of which provide intensive training with master faculty in a stimulating environment.

Both programs attract students who share a passion for music, problem solving and mechanics, and the hand skills used to restore and care for beautiful musical instruments. Our facilities include two bench rooms and sixteen individual practice rooms, outfitted with a variety of pianos. Combined with business instruction, you'll have the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge to become a successful technician.

## BASIC PIANO TECHNOLOGY

The PT program covers all phases of aural piano tuning, including the concepts on which equal temperament is founded. You'll learn to tune, regulate, and repair the actions of both upright and grand pianos. Classes include hands-on work, lectures, and field trips to such venues as the Mason & Hamlin Factory in Haverhill and the Steinway factory in Long Island City, as well as various workshops and collections throughout New England.



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NOW AWARDING OVER  
\$1 MILLION IN NBSS  
SCHOLARSHIPS EACH YEAR

## ADVANCED PIANO TECHNOLOGY

The PA program focuses on the entire piano and comprehensive piano service. This includes advanced tuning and regulation practice, and resolving service problems that occur in the field—an example of which is the School's 72-piano service contract with the Boston Public School system. Each year, PA students work in teams of two or three to dismantle, rebuild, and repair grand pianos.

## FACULTY

**Emily Townsend PT '07, PA '08** is the Department Head and a Registered Piano Technician. She holds a degree in piano performance, previously worked as a field service technician and piano rebuilder, has served as a technician at prominent summer music festivals nationwide, and is an active tuning and technical examiner for the Piano Technicians Guild (PTG).

**Alexander LaCava** is a Registered Piano Technician and has worked in piano technology since 2016 as a work-study assistant in the Piano Technology department at Berklee College of Music. Since then Alex has spent time as a technician in the home, in piano showrooms, and on the concert stage.

**Will Roper PT '19** is a Registered Piano Technician and the owner of Roper Piano Service. Will has also worked for the Sing For Hope foundation in New York City and Onigman Piano Craft in New Jersey. Will is the Northeast Regional Vice President of the Piano Technicians Guild and a PTG board member.

“One can't overemphasize the industry respect this school has. Attending NBSS is a fast track to a career.”

—Brian Turano PT '13, PA '14



## CAREERS

Graduates of our Piano Technology Program have a variety of successful career choices. In addition to being independent entrepreneurs, our graduates hold positions at piano companies, colleges and universities, concert halls, recording studios, and music festivals.

Learn more about NBSS and our Piano Technology programs, including student life, career options, tuition costs, admissions requirements, and more. [nbss.edu/piano](https://nbss.edu/piano).





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#### **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 both the Basic and Advanced Piano Technology programs occurring each September.

Financial aid, scholarships, and veterans benefits are available to qualified students. To learn more and apply, visit [nbss.edu/financialaid](http://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](mailto:admissions@nbss.edu).



#### **ACCREDITATION AND LICENSING**

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