

# BOOKBINDING

The two-year, comprehensive Bookbinding program teaches students how to make, restore, and preserve books and other printed treasures.

*A good life, built by hand.*

NBSS

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.

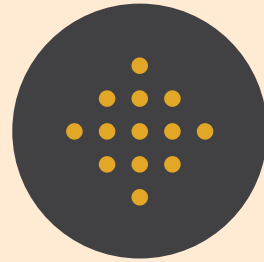
For more than a century, our exceptional programs, master faculty, and inspiring community have helped students to achieve meaningful lives and careers. The School's 64,000-square-foot facility is located in Boston's historic North End, the community in which it was originally founded in 1881.

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.

NORTH  
BENNET ST.  
SCHOOL



During the first year, you'll learn the history and development of this traditional craft, as well as develop a host of necessary skills. You'll make a variety of historical and modern binding structures, boxes, and other protective enclosures. The repair of cloth and paper bindings will supplement your understanding of the way books function and break down.



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STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

Toward the end of the first year and throughout the second year you will create and repair leather bindings. During your second year, you'll have the opportunity to choose additional projects that reflect your personal career goals in conservation, fine binding, or other areas of the field. Additional learning takes place outside of the classroom—through exhibits, conferences, and field trips to binderies, historic collections, private studios, and conservation labs.



94  
SCHOOL-WIDE SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED IN 2016



50 LEAVES OF GOLD  
TYPICALLY USED  
BY A SECOND-YEAR  
BOOKBINDING STUDENT



## FACULTY

**Jeffrey Altepeter BB '99** is an instructor and the Department Head. He is also a 2003 graduate of the American Academy of Bookbinding.

**Martha Kearsley BB '95** is a bindery owner, and has extensive experience in conservation.

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

—Amanda Nelsen BB '07

## CAREERS

Our Bookbinding graduates work in a wide variety of careers in binderies and conservation labs. Some employers of students and graduates have included:

- Universities such as Harvard, Columbia, Michigan State, Indiana University, Duke, Texas A&M, UCLA, and UC Berkeley
- US National Archives and Records Administration
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Boston Athenaeum
- National Park Service
- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
- Boston Public Library
- Huntington Library
- Rare Book School
- Winterthur / University of Delaware

Learn more about NBSS and our Bookbinding program, including student life, career options, tuition costs, admissions requirements, and more.

[nbss.edu/bookbinding](http://nbss.edu/bookbinding).

Ready to get started? [nbss.edu/apply](https://nbss.edu/apply)

### **STUDENT LIFE & 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 Bookbinding occurring each September.

Financial aid, scholarships, and veterans benefits are available to qualified students. To learn more and apply, visit [nbss.edu/financialaid](https://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, LICENSING, AND GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT**

North Bennet Street School is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges. Visit [accsc.org](https://accsc.org), or contact them at 703.247.4212, or ACCSC, 2101 Wilson Boulevard #302, Arlington, VA 22201. The School is licensed by the Massachusetts Division of Professional Licensure's Office of Private Occupational School Education. Contact them at [occupational.schools@state.ma.us](mailto:occupational.schools@state.ma.us) or 617.727.5811.

View the School's gainful employment disclosure for Bookbinding: [nbss.edu/bb-employment](https://nbss.edu/bb-employment)



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