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 thoughtfully designed 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.

Our faculty includes:

- Dan Faia CF ’94, who is both an instructor and the Department Head. He has over 20 years of experience in all aspects of furniture making, and runs a custom furniture shop in New Hampshire.
- Steve Brown CF ’90, who is a contributor to Fine Woodworking Magazine and American Furniture Journal, and has worked in museum and private collections.
- Lance Patterson CF ’79, who has designed and built custom furniture for over 35 years. He was recently named a 2016 Mentor in Design by Design New England Magazine.
- Matt Wajda CF ’01, who has over 15 years of experience, is a member of the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers, and contributes to Fine Woodworking Magazine.

In addition to the regular faculty, we often have established artisans and historians visit the School to lead workshops. Some of our recent guests include David Calvo, Peter Follansbee, Michael Patrick Wheeler CF ’77 (David Wood, John McCormack CF ’88, and Peter Galbert.

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.
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 Cabinet & Furniture-Making occurring each February 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

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