

Watch Technology

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About the Program



WATCH TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE



- 2-year, full-time program teaching modern watchmaking and watch repair
- The only watchmaking school on the West Coast!
- Supported by Rolex Watch USA and the Swiss-American Watchmakers Training Alliance (SAWTA)
- High demand for certified watchmakers from employers across the United States

Why Watchmaking?

Watchmaking & watch repair can be interesting on many different levels:

- Artistic, artisanal, and technical crafts



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- Historical and sentimental importance



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- Luxury aspect



Is Watchmaking Right for You?

Some common attributes among our students:

- Good hand-eye coordination
- Attention to detail
- Enjoys puzzles/problem-solving
- Ability to focus & work independently
- Goal-oriented
- Loves tools & machines



What Do You Learn?

The Watch Technology curriculum is based on several pillars:

- Movement Service:
 - Mechanical
 - Quartz
 - Automatics
 - Chronographs
- Precision Timing
- Dialing & Casing
- Manufacturing
- Refinishing
- Customer Service



Education Pathways

Watch Technology offers 2 outcomes through NSC:

- **Certificate in Watch Technology**
 - 164 credits (8 quarters)
 - 24 Watch Technology HIN courses
- **Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Watch Technology**
 - 184 credits (8+ quarters)
 - 24 Watch Technology HIN courses
 - 4 General Education courses

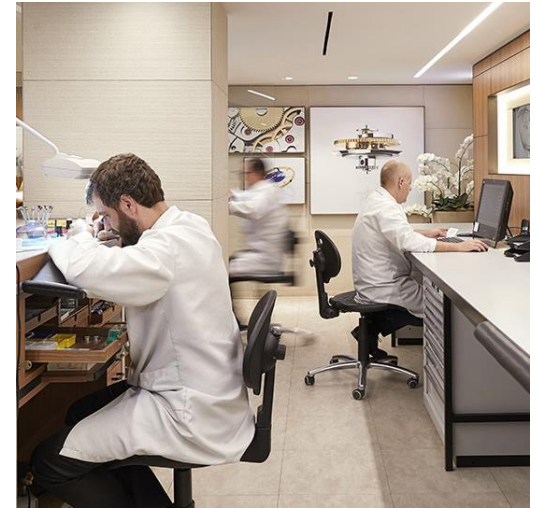
SAWTA also provides an independent, industry-accepted certification. Students must pass a separate set of exams to receive this award.

Students can expect employers to provide additional training upon graduating.

Careers/Jobs

The most common careers paths:

- **Service center watchmaker**
 - Quiet, focused environment
 - Usually work on a single brand or single model
 - **Retail store watchmaker**
 - Customer-facing, dynamic environment
 - Work on repairs from beginning to end
 - Work with multiple brands, multiple repairs at once
- Positions are plentiful if you're willing to re-locate
 - Seattle-area employers include Ben Bridge Jeweler (Retail & Service Center) and Omega SA (Service Center)
 - Salaries start at \$50k-\$55k, rising to \$65k-\$80k for experienced watchmakers



How to Apply

- Entry into the program is competitive!
- We accept up to 12 students each year for each cohort
- Cohorts start Fall quarter (late September)
- We accept applications throughout the year until the cohort is filled
- To apply:

1. Submit Application Form & Personal Statement

2. Take Online Mechanical Comprehension Exam

3. Take In-Person Bench Test

4. Decision on Application

Start



End

Sample Question

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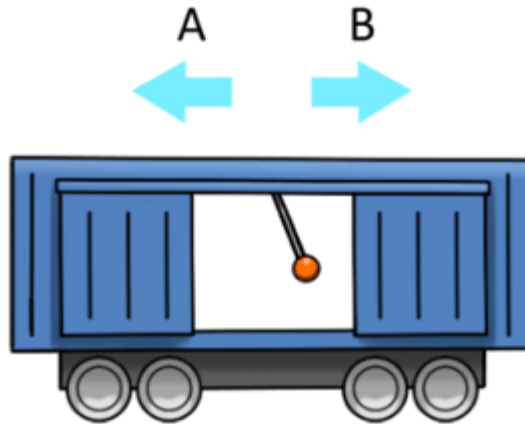
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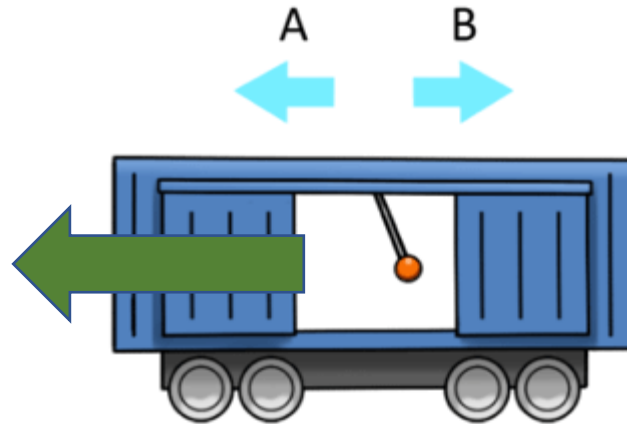
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Q & A

Frequently asked questions:

- Can I work while taking classes?
- Do students need to bring any equipment or materials?
- Is there homework?
- Can I get a tour of the classrooms?

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