

# Watch Technology

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# About the Program



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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 across the United States

# Why Watchmaking?

Artistic, artisanal, and technical crafts





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High-end, luxury appeal



# Is Watchmaking Right for You?

Some common traits among our students:

- Strong 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 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

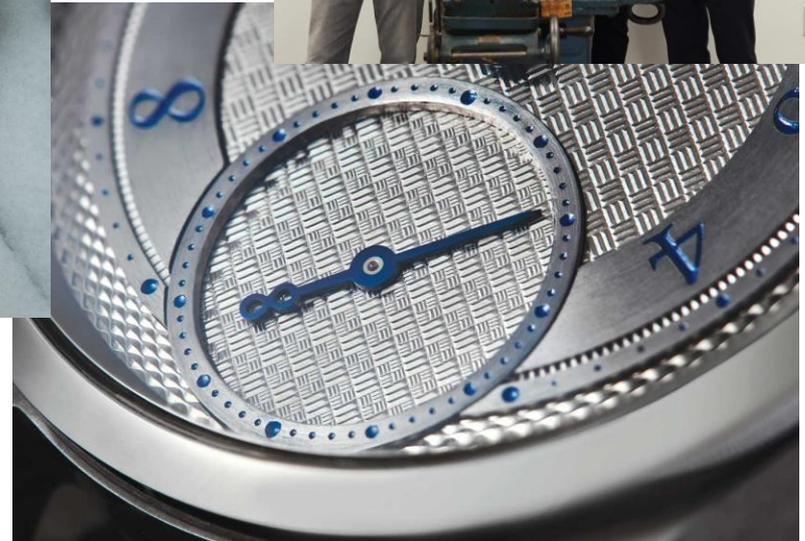
The most common careers paths:

- **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 on multiple brands, multiple types of 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 \$55k-\$65k, rising to \$80k+ for experienced watchmakers



# Example

J.N. Shapiro Watches – 2 graduates working on bespoke, high-end watches with handmade dials and cases



# How to Apply

- Entry into the program is competitive!
- We accept up to 12 students each year
- Cohorts start every 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

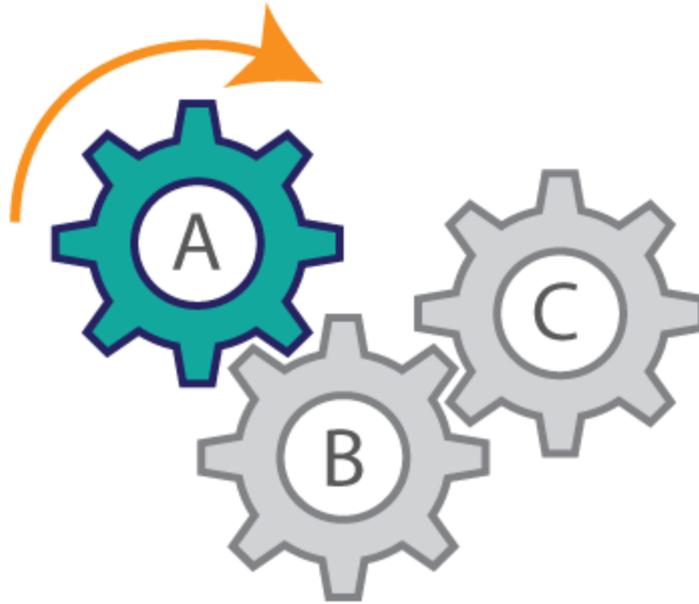
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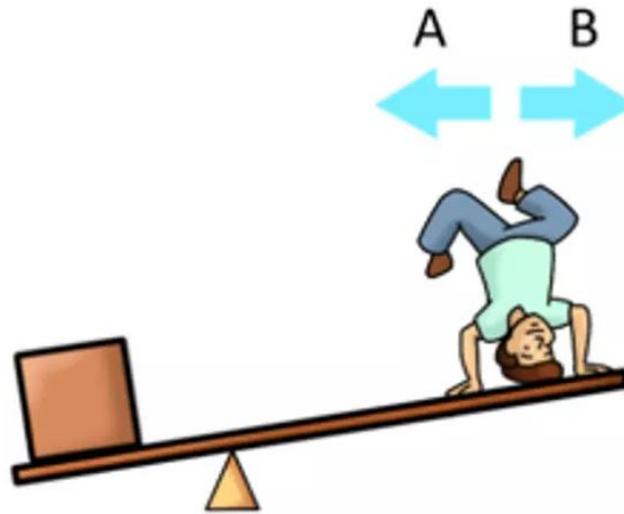
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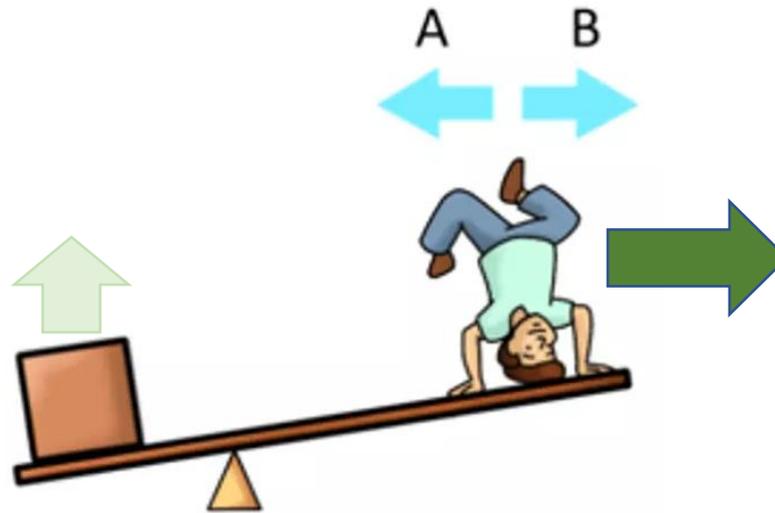
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# Q & A

## 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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