

Pathway: Jewelry and Metals

Area of Study: Arts, Design, and Graphics



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Overview

This pathway meets requirements for the Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) degree with a concentration in Jewelry and Metals and a Certificate of Jewelry Design (CJD). To complete both, see below to finish the degree AND certificate in 95 credits. (Read program QR code to see more)

Estimated Length of Completion

Degree: Associate of Fine Arts (LASFAAA)
7 quarters, Full time

Career Opportunities

A Jewelry and Metals pathway can lead to various career opportunities. Examples include:

- Jeweler
 - Graphic/Industrial Designer
 - Small Business Owner/Entrepreneur
 - Practicing Studio Artist and Performer
 - Teacher
 - Art Therapist
 - Artist Assistant
 - Art Handler
 - Curator
- ...(Read program QR code to see more)



Future Education

Once you complete the AFA degree and CJD, additional education opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Bachelor of Arts degree in Studio Art or Art History or a related field at a four-year college or university.
- Bachelor of Fine Arts degree or Master of Arts in Visual Art.
- [Bachelor of Applied Science \(BAS\)](#) degree at one of the Seattle Colleges.

Program and admissions requirements vary from college to college. Use the College Navigator search engine (<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>) to find bachelors programs in Washington state or around the country. Contact an advisor to create an educational plan tailored to transfer to the institution of your choice.

Our graduates have successfully gone on to get degrees of higher learning at many institutions, including University of Washington, California College of the Arts, Pacific Northwest College of Art, School of the Art Institute Chicago, Rhode Island School of Design, San Diego State University, Western Washington University and have received scholarships and opportunities at many other programs such as Penland School of Craft and Pratt Fine Art Center. Program and admissions requirements vary from college to college. Contact an admissions representative to find out about specific admissions requirements including submitting a portfolio and major pre-requisites for the institution of your choice.



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Get Started

Step 1: Apply and register at North Seattle College anytime (the application is always free). Once you become a student, register for classes using the online class schedule and go to the academic calendar for registration dates and tuition deadlines.

Step 2: See an advisor to create a personalized educational plan by the end of your second quarter. Your plan will include prerequisites, graduation requirements, and transfer preparation if you plan to transfer to another college or university to earn a bachelor's degree.

Tuition and Fees

Learn more about the [estimated cost of attendance and general fees to attend college](#).

Financial Aid and Funding Resources

It's time to apply for Financial Aid for next year by completing either the [FAFSA](#) or the [WASFA](#) 2024-25.

Need help paying for college?

All students in need should apply for financial aid; do not assume you are not eligible! Visit [Financial Aid](#) to learn more about the application steps and types of financial aid available, including grants and scholarships you don't have to pay back. You do not need to be a full-time student to receive financial aid funds. There are also art-specific scholarships available to students.

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Before Quarter One

- [Pre-College or Transitional Studies Math](#) (if needed)
- [Pre-College or Transitional Studies English](#) (if needed)
- Apply for [Financial Aid](#) and other funding before your first quarter. Visit the [Financial Aid Office](#) to explore how to pay for college.
- [Transfer previous college credits](#) to North if applicable.
- Attend [New Student Orientation](#).
- [Explore placement options](#): take the [math](#) and [English](#) placement tool if needed.
- Make an informed choice on the [number of units to take each quarter](#).
- F-1 international students must enroll full time (12+ units) each quarter and check in with the [International Programs office](#) before the start of the quarter if enrolling in less than 12 units and/or before starting any work or volunteer experience.
- If you need academic accommodations for a documented disability, please contact [Disability Services](#).

A sample schedule and quarterly to-do list are below. The schedule and to-do list will help you explore courses and complete tasks on time. The guide assumes a fall quarter start, but you can begin in any quarter.

Sample Schedule

This is an example of a quarterly schedule:

Quarter 1

- ART281 Jewelry Design I (5 units)
- ART101 or ART111 (5 units)
- ENGL&101 English Composition I (5 units)

Quarter 2

- ART101 or ART111 (5 units)
- ART251 Art History (5 units)
- ART282 Jewelry Design II (5 units)

Quarter 3

- ART102 Design (5 units)
- ART112 Drawing (5 units)
- WMN200 or ANTH130 or Individuals/Cultures/Societies (5 units)

Quarter 4

- ART258 Global Design History (5 units)

Quarter 5

- ART210 Digital And Graphic Art (5 units)
- ART283 Intro To Alloying Jewels (5 units)
- Pick one from the following list (5 units)
ACCT 110 | MATH& 107 | BUS 124 | PHIL& 120

Quarter 6

- ART284 Bench Techniques And Practices (5 units)
- ART290 The Art Business (5 units)
- ART121 or ART211 (5 units)

Quarter 7

- ART114 Digital Photography I (5 units)
- ART285 Metal Tech Small Scale S (5 units)
- ENVS&100 or Natural World (5 units)



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Sample Quarterly To-Do List

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Quarter 1

- Schedule an appointment with your assigned advisor in [Starfish](#) to meet and discuss your goals. Learn more about Starfish [here](#).
- Document all work made in class every quarter.
- Apply for Student Art Sale in early November.
- Explore careers and majors through workshops, [counseling](#), and [career services](#).
- Come to the [Library](#) to get help with research; check out resources; access computers and study space; and create media projects.
- Visit the [Student Learning Center](#) to learn about tutoring services offered in-person and online.
- Check out [campus life](#): Art Group, [Art Gallery](#), [Student Clubs and Affinity Groups](#), [TRIO](#), [Equity & Welcome Center](#), [Wellness Center](#), etc.

Quarter 2

- Create an [educational plan](#) with your [assigned advisor](#).
- Apply for [financial aid](#) for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Research and develop a list of four-year colleges and universities.
- Attend [transfer events](#) at North and universities of interest.
- Visit [North's Transfer webpage](#) for transfer information.
- Let your faculty know that you are pursuing the Certificate in Jewelry Design and Associate of Fine Arts.
- Apply for Licton Springs Review by January 31 and League for Innovation in March.
- Attend campus lectures/forums from the Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences division.

Quarter 3

- Update your educational plan and confirm your program of study with your [assigned advisor](#).
- Apply for [summer financial aid](#).
- Apply for Juried Student Show and Spring Art Sale in late April/early May.
- Talk with your Arts, Design & Graphics academic advisor about summer electives.
- Visit potential universities and determine application deadlines.
- Apply for the [Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship](#) and [other scholarships](#). Art specific scholarships are available.
- Consider [Student Leadership positions](#) and other [on-campus jobs](#) such as work study opportunities in the NSC Art Gallery and the Ceramics studio.
- Attend "Making Learning and Teaching Visible" campus event every spring.

Quarter 4

- Document all work made in class every quarter.
- Visit potential universities and determine application deadlines.
- Summer quarter is recommended but not required. Please see financial aid about your summer funding options and your assigned advisor for summer course options.



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Quarter 5

- Update your educational plan with your [assigned advisor](#).
- Contact art departments at potential universities.
- Write your personal statement for university applications.
- Attend [National Portfolio Day](#) in early November.
- Find a venue for your final exhibition for the Certificate in Jewelry Design

Quarter 6

- [Apply](#) for the AFA degree and Certificate in Jewelry Design in ctcLink. Check with your assigned advisor to be sure you are meeting degree requirements.
- Contact Art department coordinator to start your portfolio process at the beginning of the quarter.
- Visit the Student Learning Center for help with your artist statement and resume.
- Apply for [financial aid](#) for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Apply to universities or colleges and scholarships.
- Explore possible jewelry design internships.
- Secure venue and finalize work for exhibition for the Certificate in Jewelry Design.

Quarter 7

- Check in with university for transfer plan.
- Fine-tune your portfolio, artist statement, and CV with your faculty portfolio advisors and resume.
- Complete portfolio requirements.
- Turn in two copies of your physical portfolio and one digital copy on a thumb drive.
- Order cap and gown for commencement and join [alumni association](#).
- Attend on-campus graduation fair and commencement ceremony.



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