



Certification Pathway

How to receive our Professional and Master Certificates

The Professional School of Practical Stereotomy offers three levels of professional certification that anyone can challenge at any point. Our certifications are for those that desire personal growth and satisfaction, and character building where the individual fulfills a part of themselves that they intrinsically feel is missing in the craft. It is the intent of the school to provide an experience and opportunity that meets this need, with the result that students do not simply obtain credentials but experience personal growth with a deep and enduring commitment to the craft.

The first two certificates are the [Professional and Advanced Professional Certificates](#) and third, the highest, is our [Master's Certificate](#). In order to receive any one of our certificates, the student proposes a summative task or [masterpiece](#) (chef-d'œuvre) to the board, which reviews the proposed work and may make any alterations or suggestions before work starts. Once the board has accepted the proposed work, the student begins. Given both the school's recognition of the other demands on students, and its commitment to excellence in student's projects, there are no strictly enforced timelines. When the work is completed, it is again reviewed by the board for a final evaluation. Once deemed acceptable, the student receives the level of certification they applied for. Once either the Professional or Advanced Professional certificates are awarded, the individual becomes a [Fellow](#) of the Professional School of Practical Stereotomy. At this stage, the Fellow may choose to pursue the Master's Certificate recognizing his status as an acknowledged Master.

If you wish to propose a summative task or masterpiece, please use this [Proposal Template](#) and follow the instructions carefully.

Professional Certificate

The Professional Certificate comprises straight and linear pieces only. The work may be a complex scaled down roof model or a [French Trestle](#). Fulfilment of this requirement under normal circumstances takes 120 hours from start to finish.

Advanced Professional Certificate

The Advanced Professional Certificate comprises curved pieces. The work may be a complex double curved roof model, Capucine, simple [Guitarde](#), basic [twisted steeple](#), or a scaled down stair model. Fulfilment of this requirement under normal circumstances takes 120 hours from start to finish.

Master's Certificate

The journey of obtaining our [Master's](#) Certificate provides the opportunity of an ultimate personal voyage of satisfaction for those committed to personal growth and character building, and who



have an outstanding and enduring devotion to learning, craftsmanship, teaching, and mastery. The masterpiece (chef-d'oeuvre) is a work of outstanding artistry, skill, and workmanship exemplifying the utmost quality and finest work.

The study of the history of architecture clearly shows that it was recognized throughout history that mastery involved more than just perfecting physical skills; it involved a transformation of character and mindset such that a masterpiece involved not only the application of a superior degree of skill and ability, but also a profound personal commitment to the construction of creations of enduring structural and aesthetic quality; this in turn entailed a personal striving for excellence and a willingness of the master to share their own journey and the experience and knowledge it provided. In this way, the quest for mastery was not only personally transformative but contributed to the ongoing continuance and growth of the craft itself. Our Master's Certificate is deeply rooted in this tradition.

The masterpiece itself must encompass straight and linear pieces as well as single and double curved work, and normally requires approximately 650 hours. The pre-requisites are to have obtained either the Professional Certificate or the Advanced Professional Certificate and to have received a suitable number of teaching credits. Once the masterpiece is completed it will be highly scrutinized through a detailed evaluation period where the board must unanimously accept or deny the work. If successful, the Fellow will go through a ritual ceremony celebrating the personal transformation from Fellow (journeyman) to acknowledged Master, at which point the newly accepted master will have the privileged honour to become a member and sit on the board with their peers, and can now teach on their own if they wish.

Non-Refundable Applicable Fees (in USD);

1. **Proposal Review** Assessment of proposal, skills, and experience - \$335 + Tax (13%) = \$378.55
2. **Professional Certificate** To receive a signed and sealed certificate - \$528 + Tax (13%) = \$596.34

*Paying these fees does not guarantee success

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