

# Introduction to polishing

3 days



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To discover and to acquire  
basic knowledge on polishing.



Watchmakers of Switzerland Training and Educational Program  
Centre Suisse de formation et de perfectionnement horloger





## WOSTEP – WHO ARE WE?

Founded in 1966 and supported by the Swiss watch industry, the Fondation WOSTEP, located in the cradle of watchmaking in Neuchâtel, offers training programs covering several watchmaking professions. As a reference center for watchmaking training and development worldwide, the Fondation WOSTEP transmits unique know-how through cutting-edge teaching. The range of training programs and consulting services offered by WOSTEP are considered quality standards. Employers around the world recognize WOSTEP certification as a proof of technical competence and demonstration of a solid training.

The neutral and independent Fondation WOSTEP is supported by 6 active members who together generate 90% of the turnover of the watch industry in Switzerland. Its ambition is to preserve and promote Swiss know-how abroad. Two pillars of the Foundation are the courses offered in Neuchâtel and the partnership with several schools abroad. The standardization of training programs and evaluation criteria implemented in cooperation with the industry ensures a true Swiss Made on a global scale.

With more than 50 years of experience, WOSTEP manages innovative projects with the close support of its members and donors and positions itself as a real training and skills center of the future.

## CERTIFYING TRAINING

The Neuchâtel school offers certifying training in watchmaking and polishing.

The watchmaking programs are run through a phase of Watch Technician, then Customer Service Watchmaker after one year. Finally, Watchmaker is the additional year more specialized in manufacturing which allows to arrive at a panel of knowledge worthy of traditional haute horlogerie. The student develops in-depth and specific skills in tool maintenance, diagnosis with defect identification, maintenance, movement adjustment, complete service, polishing, precision adjustment, micromechanics and watch manufacturing.

The Customer Service Polishing Technician is a program that allows the reconditioning, disassembly and reassembly of watch cases and bracelet components made of various base metals according to their technical and aesthetic characteristics.

These certification programs make it possible to reach a high level in watchmaking and polishing careers with specific opportunities in international haute horlogerie.

*Note: Certificates – titles recognized for their practical part by the Convention Patronale de l'Industrie Horlogère Suisse (Swiss Watch Industry Employers Federation) / based on governmental orders of the SEFRI (Secrétariat d'Etat à la Formation, à la Recherche et à l'Innovation (SERI - State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation).*

## COURS À LA CARTE

To complete our offer, the school hosts multipurpose courses. Practical or theoretical à la carte courses can be developed and implemented on demand. Train the Trainer, Complete Service Standard Operation, Chronometry, Balance Hairspring Manufacturing, Chronograph, Turning, as well as modular and specific polishing courses, such as laser welding refilling, are given regularly.

More details can be found on our website.

## COURSE CURRICULUM

### Course description

The 3-day WOSTEP *Introduction to Polishing* course enables the participant to acquire basic knowledge on polishing through a combination of theoretical material and practical exercises.

## C55 – POLISHING - INTRODUCTION TO POLISHING



Duration: 3 days

### Main topics

Theoretical part on polishing (machines, accessories, consumables, etc.) Practical exercises on various types of preparation and finishing techniques such as:

- Sandblasting, Microbead blasting
- Lapping
- Grinding
- Felt polishing
- Satin finishing
- Polishing and Final finishing

On request:

- Tailored programs

### Career opportunities

With the *Introduction to Polishing* course participants will gain further understanding of what polishing is and will experience where it may lead in terms of potential research of professional development.

### Requirements and target audience

The *Introduction to Polishing* course is open to beginners and all those who wish to discover the many aspects of polishing.

## **TIMETABLE AND PARTICIPANTS**

- On week working days: 08:30 – 12:00 / 13:30 – 17:00.
- Maximum 6 participants per session.

## **LOCATION**

Fondation WOSTEP, Rue des Saars 99, 2000 Neuchâtel, Switzerland

## **REQUIRED MATERIAL**

All the equipment, accessories, components and consumables will be provided by WOSTEP, except for loupes (recommended magnifying size for the polishing course: x 2,5).

## **MEALS**

Meals are not provided and are at the participants cost.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Participants will receive a list of hotels in Neuchâtel with the confirmation of the course in order to make their own reservation.

## **COURSE FEE**

- CHF 1'680.- per person (accommodation and meals not included)
- -10% discount for member brands + donators
- -75% discount for partnership teachers

## **ATTESTATION**

An attestation will be delivered upon completion of the course.

## INTRODUCTION TO POLISHING COURSE REGISTRATION

### Session selection

Please indicate your choice of session date/period\*: .....

*\*Select from published program/course dates online or enclosed flyer.*

### Personal details – please fill in CAPITAL letters

☐ Ms. ☐ Mr.

Last name (s): .....

First name (s): .....

Employer: .....

Present occupation and responsibilities: .....

### Mailing address

Name / Company name (if applicable): .....

Street address, n°: .....

Post office box: .....

Zip Code - City: .....

Country: .....

Home phone: .....

Work phone: .....

Mobile phone: .....

Home e-mail: .....

Work e-mail: .....

### Invoice address (if different from the above mentioned)

Name / Company name (if applicable): .....

Contact person: .....

Street address, n°: .....

Post office box: .....

Zip Code – City: .....

Country: .....

## WHERE/HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT WOSTEP?

☐ WOSTEP student(s) ☐ Employer ☐ Advertisement ☐ Internet

☐ Other: .....

Date: ..... Signature: .....

To register for the course, kindly complete this form and send to [wostep@wostep.ch](mailto:wostep@wostep.ch) or register directly through our website under [www.wostep.ch/training/programs](http://www.wostep.ch/training/programs).

