Custom Woodworking & Design engages students in all aspects of custom carpentry as it relates to woodworking fabrication and related installation and design techniques. Students utilize our shop to develop proficiency in all aspects of custom carpentry and woodworking. This program enables students to learn the basics of project design and layout, while also teaching them the necessary skills for a successful career in woodworking, finished carpentry, and related trades. Beyond the fundamentals, our students develop a proficiency in remodeling techniques, basic drywall projects, safe and proper use of power tools, woodworking machines and hands-on skills. Students will then learn to complete custom molding projects, built in furnishings and installation of decorative elements such as kitchen cabinetry, tile installation and ornamental wood design.

**Related Job Titles**
- Custom Woodworker
- Cabinetmaker
- Construction Carpenter
- Form Builder
- Maintenance Carpenter

**Skills You Will Learn**
- Read blueprints and shop drawings
- Select, setup and use hand and power tools
- Cabinet joint construction
- Layout, finishing and final assembly
- Millwork

**Preferred Skills for Career Field:**
*You should prefer:*
- Working with things
- Precision and detail work
- Seeing the results of your work

*You should be able to:*
- Solve simple math problems quickly
- Read and interpret working drawings
- Use a computer for applications in the construction industry

**Career Ladder**
Most woodworkers/cabinetmakers start as helpers or as an apprentice. With experience, they can become supervisors or open their own shop.

**Continuing Education**
- Ocean County Vocational Technical School
- Ocean County College
- New England Institute of Technology
- New England School of Architectural Woodworking