



## Pennsylvania Gunsmith School® Facts about PGS

Welcome to our Student Consumer Information page; we hope you find it helpful as you decide on a career and corresponding education. Please also schedule a visit to learn more about our school.

This information is presented in compliance with Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) regulations.

### Master Gunsmithing Program®

O\*Net Information (U.S. Dept. of Labor site)  
[www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org) - Enter *Gunsmith* in the upper right "Occupation Quick Search" box.

*There is no specific Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) for Gunsmith at O\*Net; the occupations are listed in rank order below as to relevance of the title, description, tasks and work activities associated with the keyword **Gunsmith**:*

SOC 49-9099.00: Installation, Maintenance and Repair Workers, All Other

SOC 51-4081: Multiple Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic

SOC 51-4199: Metal Workers and Plastic Workers, All Other

CIP Code (Classification of Instruction Programs; assigned by U.S. Dept. of Education): 47.0402

OPEID Code (Dept. of Education): 02330600 (postsecondary education identification code)

#### Award:

Diploma in the Master Gunsmithing Program® with credentials as a Sporting Arms Ordnance Technician™

#### Program Length:

2496 clock hours of instruction (16 months total length; four instructional semesters).

#### Costs:

Tuition - \$32,448 total for the four-semester program. (\$8112 per semester)

Tools/Supplies: \$9475 total (estimate); varies as to specific educational objectives for each semester.

Total Program Costs: \$32,448 + \$9475 = \$41,923

For students enrolling during the time period 4/1/2018- 3/31/2019:

Graduation Rate: 93% (Of 46 students who started, 43 completed the program.)

On-Time Completion Rate: 53% (Of 43 graduates, 23 completed on time and 20 had a leave of absence {LoA} with a graduation date later than originally scheduled. Due to COVID-19, approximately half of the students in this cohort were required to take a LoA for the mandated school closure.)

Placement Rate: 72.5% (29 of 40 graduates available for placement were verified as employed in the field or a related field; updated to reflect additional documentation).

Title IV Median Loan Debt: 21 of the 40 students graduating had federal student loan debt, with the median being \$12,000 (about \$127.65 per month for 120 payments; assumes student is paying the interest on unsubsidized loans while enrolled).

Private Education Median Loan Debt: Of the 21 with federal student loan debt, 0 also had private loan debt.

Related Occupations: This program prepares students for employment as a Gunsmith, and occupations such as machinist, welder, metal worker, wood worker and other related fields.

Calculation Information: Included in the calculation of the placement rate are all students who started the program between 4/1/18 - 3/31/19; data is based on information reported to PGS by students or their employers. The Placement Director collects appropriate documentation to support reported rates;

graduation and placement rates are reported to the PA Dept. of Education and ACCSC (Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges).

The following graduates are excluded from the placement calculation: graduates who continue on with education in an accredited institution of higher education (postsecondary) on at least a half-time basis; and graduates who fall into one of these categories: death, incarceration, active military deployment, onset of a medical condition that prevents employment, or international students who returned to their country of origin.

Types of Positions: Graduates found positions as Gunsmiths (self-employed or gunshop employee) or related fields such as firearms manufacturing or machining. Employment confirmation was compiled between student graduation date and date report was prepared; some students secured employment before graduation. The Placement Director makes every effort to document employment as soon as possible.

When evaluating Gunsmithing Programs, be sure to compare --

. Actual bench time working on firearms (*PGS: 2496 total clock hours; intense hands-on training at work benches most of the time.*)

. Graduation credential; if an Associate Degree, 25% of content could consist of general academic courses such as English and electives. (*PGS: does not offer general academic courses.*)

. Costs, including the number of clock hours of actual Gunsmithing instruction, as well as tuition charges, to obtain an apples-to-apples comparison. (*PGS: \$32,448 ÷ 2496 clock hours = \$13.00/hour*)

. Tool policies: do students leave with tools and supplies to begin their career, as well as custom firearms to share with customers and/or employers? (*PGS: Students leave with all the tools and supplies they purchased, as well as an array of sample custom firearms to begin their career.*)

. Instructional philosophy: is the curriculum reviewed and modified to meet the needs of employers? (*PGS: A Program Advisory Committee of employers and private gunsmiths meets twice yearly to assure our proprietary curriculum meets and exceeds the demands of employers.*)