

I want to be a . . . Sculptor

Initial Career Steps:

- First, decide what material you would like to sculpt with. There are several different materials you could consider such as wood, metal and clay. Selecting your preferred sculpting material is important because each medium (material) requires specific tools, equipment, and processes. There are a variety of books and DVDs that you can use to learn more about the different types of sculpting.
- Research art schools, community colleges or universities that offer an art program you're interested in.

If you don't have the time or money to enroll in a university's fine arts program, workshops may be the entrance point for you. Look for a workshop that offers a short course on sculpting. Workshops will help you to learn to sculpt quickly and the short session is less likely to interrupt your normal routine.

- You can also learn to sculpt online. If you don't have enough time to attend a school or a workshop, you can register for a class on the Internet. For example, the Academy of Art University online offers Associates and Bachelors degree programs in fine arts, which include classes on sculpting.
- There are also independent shops producing commissioned sculptures. These shops will usually offer apprenticeships with professional sculptors and will also give you access to the local network of sculptors and patrons (the people who request and buy sculptures).

Local Resources:



-- International Sculpture Center:
<http://www.sculpture.org/>

--Texas Society of Sculptors:
<http://www.tsos.org>

--Texas Pottery and Sculpture Guild:
<http://www.tpsg.biz/>