Admission Requirements

Students are admitted to Paris Junior College by furnishing a high school transcript, GED certificate, as a transfer student from another college or upon individual approval. Financial aid is available. Local placement testing is required for all new students. Students should refer to the current semester schedule or contact the Admissions Office at 903.782.0425.
Industry Overview

The jewelry industry is on the leading edge of computer-aided design techniques. Fine watchmaking skills (horology) creates global demand for graduates. The great variety of natural and man-made stones requires knowledge of gemology. Jewelry, watchmaking and the gemology industry are prestigious and lucrative professions to pursue.

PJC’s Texas Institute of Jewelry Technology

Since 1942, the Texas Institute of Jewelry Technology has enjoyed a reputation for teaching excellence. State-of-the-art instruction is led by experienced, qualified instructors in computer-aided design and machining, horology, gemology, casting and jewelry. Students are provided with the latest expertise and equipment to learn the tools of the trade. TIJT stays in close contact with professional organizations and retail businesses.

Jewelry technology teaches fabrication, casting, jewelry repair and stone-setting. Gemology is the study of gemstones. Horology includes basic and advanced training of all that’s needed to repair today’s advanced watches. The skills can even be used in other technologies, such as instrumentation and microelectronics. Computer aided design introduces the latest technology allowing students to design virtual jewelry and send it to a 3D printer and/or a multiple-axis milling system that provides a perfect wax model for casting.

Program Options

PJC’s Texas Institute of Jewelry Technology offers the following programs:

- Associate of Applied Science degree in Horology Technology
- Associate of Applied Science degree in Jewelry Technology
- Certificate in Fine Mechanical Watch Repair
- Certificate in Horology Technology
- Certificate in Gemology
- Certificate in Jewelry Technology
- Certificate in Repair Technician