

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR



**YOUR SKILLS,  
YOUR FUTURE.**

**ARTS & CULTURE**



# CREDITS

## Course Package

Each Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program offers students a bundle of eight to ten credits. These courses are regular Ontario secondary school courses that allow students to work towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, but have been bundled as the most relevant courses to prepare students for a future in the arts and culture sector.

Two credits in this bundle include cooperative education where students pursue a work placement in a field of interest.

## Achievements in the Program

- **Certifications and Awareness Training:** Students complete selected sector-recognized certifications and training
- **Experiential Learning Opportunities:**
  - Have the opportunity to learn from industry professionals
  - Complete two cooperative education credits and gain work experience in the arts and culture sector
  - See guest speakers and go on field trips to explore careers in arts and culture
- Gain a **Sector-Partnered Experiences (SPE)** component that includes one of the following options: Innovation Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE) training; sector-delivered coding; or, sector-delivered mathematical literacy. The SPE will require a six hour activity, delivered with a sector partner and have an experiential and assessment component
- **Reach Ahead Experiences:** Explore the field and postsecondary education opportunities in the arts and culture sector
- Completing the SHSM program prepares students for their pathway to **apprenticeship, college, university or work**



## The bundle includes:

- **Four “major” credits** in related arts and culture courses in Grade 11 and 12
- **Supporting credits:**
  - One English credit in Grade 11 or 12
  - One Grade 11 or 12 business studies or Canadian and world studies credit
  - Two cooperative education credits to experience life in the arts and culture sector



# THE EXPERIENCE

**Students in the Arts and Culture Specialist High Skills Major program will:**

- Learn a variety of performance styles
- Participate in workshops with industry professionals
- Develop studio skills in a variety of traditional and emerging media
- Incorporate digital technologies into the creative process
- Develop transferable skills compatible with multiple pathways to all postsecondary destinations



The arts and culture sector offers opportunities for students to get inspired and use their unique skills and abilities to explore visual arts, drama and performance, technical theatre, media arts, design, dance, music, arts and technology and many other creative areas. Students who are interested in exploring their options related to the arts can take the Specialist High Skills Major program to engage in authentic learning and experiences that will be an asset for a future in the arts.



For more information on the Specialist High Skills Major Arts and Culture program, contact your school guidance counsellor, SHSM board lead or visit [Ontario.ca/SHSM](https://Ontario.ca/SHSM)