

## Hodan Nalayah Secondary School - Cooperative Education

**What is Cooperative Education (Co-op)?** Cooperative Education is an experiential method of learning that provides students an opportunity to work outside the school, while earning 2 or 4 secondary school credits. Cooperative Education combines a subject studied in school that is related to a job placement outside of school. For example, if a student has taken or is taking Grade 11 or 12 Biology, the student may then work in a Biology related career, such as health care, or Physiotherapy, earning two Co-op credits for the semester. Cooperative Education allows students to explore a career of interest, develop job skills, obtain career related practical experience, gather references for a resume, and develop attitudes necessary for success in the workplace.

**How many Co-op credits can I earn?** Grade 11 and 12 Co-op courses and packages may be assembled for students to earn two or four credits. *Two credit Co-op could be either in the A.M. (Period 1 & 2) or the P.M. (Period 3 & 4). Four credit Co-op is the full day (Periods 1 - 4) for the entire semester.*

**How do I sign up for Co-op?** Students must be 16 years of age and have earned 16 credits in order to enrol and participate in the co-op program.

In my PathwayPlanner (myBlueprint): for two-credit (half day), choose **COOP2**; for four credit (full day), choose **COOP4**.

You must also complete the online **Cooperative Education Application Form** ([bit.ly/hncoopapplication](http://bit.ly/hncoopapplication)), and the **Teacher References** ([bit.ly/coopreferenceform](http://bit.ly/coopreferenceform)). Please send the online Teacher Reference Form to TWO teachers to complete online by April 1. Note: Additional application forms for specific employers will be required such as; hospital placements, military etc. Please email Ms. Polyzotis (Co-op Head) at [alexandra.polyzotis@yrdsb.ca](mailto:alexandra.polyzotis@yrdsb.ca) if interested.

### **Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)**

This program is designed for students who wish to pursue a skilled trade while meeting the academic requirements to graduate secondary school. Students may enrol in OYAP in Grade 11 and may continue with OYAP in Grade 12. Enrolment is limited by the availability of employers willing to take on apprenticeship trainees.

### **Accelerated OYAP Programs at Seneca, Humber, Centennial and George Brown Colleges**

This Co-op program is offered to students in their last year of secondary school who have acquired at least 26 of the 30 credits required to graduate high school. Students work in a skilled trade while working on their level 1 apprenticeship certification in the skilled trade at a designated college. Students who are highly focused and are able to complete the secondary school Co-op requirements in conjunction with the college requirements may benefit from these reach-ahead opportunities. Students must be in good academic standing and have excellent attendance and punctuality to be considered. Students earn both high school and college level credits.

### **Canadian Armed Forces - Militia Co-op (PAID)**

Students will earn four secondary school credits in second semester with successful completion in the Co-op program. To enrol, students must be a Canadian citizen in good academic standing, have excellent attendance and punctuality and no criminal record. Students will become active members of the Canadian Armed Forces and receive their basic training at various locations. Students receive a salary, four high school credits, and have the opportunity to either stay on full-time or as a summer/part-time reservist in the Armed Forces. Students will be required to complete a physical test, and successfully complete a Grade 10 math test administered by the Armed Forces. For more information, please visit [www.forces.ca](http://www.forces.ca) and the Co-op department.

## **Dual Credit Programming**

### **Dual Credit Programs at Seneca, Georgian, Centennial, Humber and George Brown Colleges**

Dual Credit courses allow senior students to **earn high school credits and college credits at the same time** by attending a college delivered course on a college campus. Students who successfully complete the course will earn a high school credit and a college credit. Dual Credit courses are offered at Centennial, Seneca, Georgian, Humber and George Brown Colleges, at various campuses. You can experience college life while still in high school, at no cost to you. This is an opportunity to try something new while exploring different program pathways.

To see what courses will be available for the next school year, visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/dualcredits>.

### **How to sign up for a Dual Credit course:**

1. Look at the list of college courses offered on <http://www.yrdsb.ca/dualcredits> and choose the course(s) you want to take.
2. Make an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor to discuss your choice.
3. Select the correct Dual Credit course code on myPathwayPlanner (myBlueprint). The codes are found under "Dual Credits" in the course calendar. Choose:
  - YYY4X1 to choose one college course
  - YYY4X1 and YYY4X2 to choose two college courses
4. In the spring, you will complete the online Dual Credit Application Package, and the college-specific application, and return it to the Guidance Office.
5. Wait for the Regional Dual Credit Teacher to contact you for an interview in late spring.

## **Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)**

### **What is a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?**

The SHSM is a Ministry-approved specialized program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. The SHSM program also assists in the transition from secondary school to apprenticeship training, college, university or the workplace. The program enables students to gain sector-specific skills and knowledge in the context of engaging, career-related learning environments and helps them focus on graduation and pursuing their postsecondary goals.

### **What SHSM programs are being offered at Hodan Nalayah Secondary School?**

[Health and Wellness](#)

[Business](#)

[Arts and Culture](#)

### **What are the parts of SHSM I have to complete to obtain my SHSM diploma?**

- Specific mandatory and elective courses
- Two credits of Cooperative Education in a related placement
- Mandatory and elective certifications and trainings
- Reach Ahead and Experiential Learning experiences

### **SHSM benefits students because....**

- Customized learning keeps students more engaged
- Students gain confidence in their ability to succeed while developing specialized knowledge and skills
- Students see the connections between their studies, the world beyond high school, and their future careers
- Students begin to establish relationships and networks in their chosen field
- The sector-recognized certifications and training programs can be shown to prospective employers and postsecondary educational or training institutions

### **How do students enrol in the SHSM program?**

1. Complete an application - <https://bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMStudentapp>
2. Select the necessary courses for the program ([Arts and Culture](#), [Business](#), [Health and Wellness](#))

## **Summer Programming**

### **Summer School Co-op**

This co-op program is designed for students who are unable to fit the regular full semester co-op into their timetable or for students who require two credits to graduate high school. For two (2) credits, students attend classes on weekends/weeknights in May and June and then spend 5 weeks over the summer obtaining valuable work experience. One (1) credit coop would be completed without the May/June component. For more information, please visit: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities/summer-pathway-programs>

### **Summer Cooperative Education at Mackenzie Health/Cortellucci Hospital (tentative)**

Mackenzie Health, in partnership with York Region District School Board, offers students enrolled in a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Program the opportunity to complete their cooperative education requirement for SHSM outside of day school. Students attend classes on weekends/weeknights in May and June and then spend 6 weeks over the summer obtaining valuable work experience while earning 2 high school credits. For more information, please visit: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities/summer-pathway-programs>

The Summer school co-op applications are due after the March break.

Please contact the Cooperative Education Department in Room 219 or call 905-660-1397 ext. 219 to inquire about Cooperative Education or any of the related regional co-op opportunities.

### **Youth Innovation By Design – Summer (July) Course (tentative)**

The *Youth Innovation By Design* course focuses on ways in which innovators identify problems, see them as opportunities, generate ideas, and organize resources to develop and take successful solutions forward into the world, both for-profit and not-for-profit. Students earn either an IDC4O (Grade 12 Open) or IDC4U (Grade 12 University) credit. For more information, please visit:

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