

What is SHSM?

Specialist High Skills Majors let students focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Students complete a bundle of courses and gain valuable work experience through Co-op. SHSM programs lead to all post-secondary pathways – university, college, apprenticeship, and the workplace.

Why consider SHSM – Arts and Culture?

This program enables students to:

- Customize their secondary school education to suit their interests and skills
- Complete sector recognized certifications to build their résumé
- Prepare for post-secondary opportunities
- Explore and refine their career goals
- Earn the SHSM Red Seal designation on their OSSD

Required Certifications (3)

CPR-C with AED

Standard First Aid

generic WHMIS

Elective Certifications (choose 3)

adv training in a technique	adv training in a technology	adv training in an art form	adv training in art therapy
anti-oppression and allyship training	audition preparation	curatorial techniques	customer service
elevated work platforms	event coordination	fall protection	framing and matting
game design	health and safety basic	infection control	instructor certification
interactive art forms	leadership skills	lighting and sound equipment maintenance	makeup/cosmetology
musical instrument repair	portfolio development	project management	proposal/grant writing
pyrotechnics	recording equipment	software (animation, graphics)	software (photography)
stage combat	technical staging	Working at Heights	wrap and tape for injury and performance

1 Sector-Partnered Experience

ICE training
innovation creativity entrepreneurship

contextualized coding

mathematical literacy

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A minimum of 1 Reach Ahead event

examples include:

- Campus/Program tours (in person/virtual)
- post-secondary fair (OUF, OCIF, in-school)
- College/University application workshops
- Scholarship seminars

A minimum of 1 Experiential Learning event

examples include:

- MOCA, Aga Khan events
- job shadow / part time job in sector
- career fair, professional conference
- employee interview

2 Cooperative Education Credits

example Co-op Placements:

animator
graphic design
architecture
social media coordinator

broadcasting
set construction
photography
theatre assistant

camera operator
interior decorator
music retail
elementary music/drama

art gallery/instruction
art therapy
website technician
costume design

4 ARTS & CULTURE Major Credits

Grade 11 (select at least 1):

ADA3M	AWQ3M/3O
ADB3M	AWS3M
ADD3O/M	CGG3O
AMI3M	CHW3M
AMR3M	EPS3O
AMV3M	GPP3O
ATC3M	HSP3U
AVI3M	ICS3C/3U
AWC3O	IDC3O
AWD3M	TCJ3C
AWL3M	TDJ3M
	TGV3M

Grade 12 (select at least 1):

ADA4M	CGW4U
ADB4M	CHY4C/4U
ADD4M/O	EWC4U
AMI4M	HZT4M
AMR4M	ICS4C/U
ATC4M	IDC4UE
AVI4M	IDC4U1
AWC4M	IDC4U3
AWD4M	TDJ4M
AWQ4M/O	TGV4M
AWS4M	

****Dual credit courses may also apply ****

Plus: Select 1 of...

BAF3M
BAI3E
BMI3C
CGF3M
CGG3O

CHW3M
ICS3C/3U
MEL3E
TEJ3M

BAN4E
BAT4M
BBB4M
BOH4M
CGW4C/4U
CHY4CU
CIA4U
CLN4C/4U

CPW4U
EWC4U
FSF4U
GLE4O/GLS4O
ICS4C/4U
MEL4E
OLC4O

1 Required English

ENG3E/NBE3E

ENG3C/NBE3C

ENG3U/NBE3U

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