

Specialist High Skills Major

Arts & Culture

Indigenous Focus

2025-2026

Profile

The Arts and Culture (Indigenous Focus) SHSM has a particular focus on Indigenous Arts and Culture. This program augments the learning experiences and allows students to celebrate cultural diversity by promoting the integration of Indigenous arts and culture more wholesomely into mainstream education. Students gain valuable employability skills and opportunities to learn the history of Indigenous peoples through various artistic contexts.

Certifications (6)

Compulsory (3):

- CPR level C with AED
- WHMIS
- Standard First Aid

Electives (3) (more options at Ontario.ca)

- Fall Protection
- Customer Service
- Framing and Matting
- Working at Heights
- Training in Art Therapy
- Interactive Art Forms
- Game Design
- Musical Instrument Repair
- Framing and Matting
- Event Coordination

Possible Occupations in the Sector

Workplace	Apprenticeship	College	University
Musicians and singers Camera, placemakers, and other prepress occupations Graphic artists and illustrators Photographic and film processors	Artisans and craftsperson Painters and decorators Other technical and coordinating occupations in motion pictures, broadcasting, and the performing arts.	Actors and comedian Announcers and broadcasters Graphic designers Interior designers Photographers Theatre, fashion, exhibit, and other creative designers	Authors and writer Dancers Painters, sculptors, and other visual artists Producers, directors Conductors, composers, and arrangers

Additional Information

- SHSMs are for students in all four pathways: Workplace, Apprenticeship, College, and University.
- Major credits may be offered in school, but additional courses are offered through eLearning and booklet courses.
- You can indicate your interest at www.myblueprint.ca or speak with your Guidance Counsellor.
- There are no extra credits required - the SHSM is obtained within the 30 OSSD credits.
- SHSMs are two-year programs and are made up of Grade 11 and 12 courses.
- There are no additional fees for students to participate in a SHSM.



Arts & Culture SHSM Pathway (Total of 8 credits)

Please check the Ministry's Master List for more approved courses

Grade 11 Courses

Grade 12 Courses

Major Credits (4 credits)

Students can now substitute 3 additional Cooperative Education credits related to their sector in place of 3 major credits

ADA3O – Drama
 ADA3M – Drama
 AMG3O – Guitar
 AMG3M – Guitar
 AMM3M – Music and Computers
 ASM3O – Media Arts
 ASM3M – Media Arts
 AVI3O – Visual Arts
 AVI3M – Visual Arts
 AWQ3M – Photography
 BDP3O – Entrepreneurship
 CGG3O – Travel and Tourism: A Geographic Perspective
 GPP3O – Guidance and Careers
 HFC3M – Food and Culture
 HFC3E – Food and Culture
 HSP3C – Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology
 HSP3U – Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology
 ICS3C – Computer Studies
 ICS3U – Introduction to Computer Science
 NBV3C – Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, & Inuit Voices
 NDA3M – Contemporary First Nations, Métis & Inuit Issues and Perspective
 TCJ3C – Construction Engineering Technology
 TCE3E – Construction: Electrical/Network Cabling
 TGJ3M – Communications Technology
 TGJ3O – Communications Technology: Broadcast/Print Production
 TMJ3C – Manufacturing
 TMJ3M – Manufacturing
 TMJ3E – Manufacturing

AMM4M – Music and Computers
 ASM4E – Media Arts
 ASM4M – Media Arts
 AVI4E – Visual Arts
 AVI4M – Visual Arts
 AWQ4M – Photography
 CGW4C – Issues in Canadian Geography
 CGW4U – Issues in Canadian Geography
 CHY4C – World History since the Fifteenth Century
 CHY4U – World History since 1900: Global and Regional Interactions
 EWC4C – Writer's Craft
 EWC4U – Writer's Craft, University
 FIF4U – Immersion French
 ICS4C – Computer Studies
 ICS4U – Computer Studies
 HHS4C – Families in Canada
 HHS4U – Families in Canada
 HSB4U – Challenge and Change in Society
 HSC4M – World Cultures
 HSE4M – Equity and Social Justice
 NDW4M – Contemporary Indigenous Issues & Perspectives in a Global Context
 TCE4E – Construction: Electrical/Network Cabling
 TCJ4C – Construction Engineering Technology
 TGJ4M – Communications Technology
 TGJ4O – Communications Technology: Digital Imagery and Web Design
 TMJ4C – Manufacturing Technology
 TMJ4E – Manufacturing Technology

English (1 credit)

NBE3C – Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices
 NBE3E – Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices
 NBE3U – Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices

ENG4C – English
 ENG4E – English
 ENG4U – English
 OLC4O – Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course

Other (1 credit)

Students can substitute 1 additional Cooperative Education credit related to their sector in place of 1 other credit

BAI3E – Accounting
 BMX3E – Marketing
 CGG3O – Travel and Tourism: A Geographic Perspective
 BDP3O – Entrepreneurship
 CLU3M – Understanding Canadian Law
 ICS3C – Introduction to Computer Programming
 ICS3U – Introduction to Computer Science
 MEL3E – Workplace Math
 NBE3C – Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices
 NBE3E – Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices
 NBV3C – Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices
 NBE3U – Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices
 NDA3M – Contemporary First Nations, Métis & Inuit Issues and Perspective

BBB4M – International Business
 BOH4M – Business Leadership: Management Fundamentals
 CHY4C – World History since the Fifteenth Century
 CGW4C – Issues in Canadian Geography
 CGW4U – World Issues: A Geographic Analysis
 CHY4U – World History since 1900: Global and Regional Interactions
 CLN4U – Canadian and International Law
 EWC4U – The Writer's Craft
 FIF4U – Immersion French
 GLE4O – Advanced Learning Strategies
 GLS4O – Advanced Learning Strategies
 HSB4U – Challenge and Change on Society
 ICS4C – Computer Programming
 ICS4U – Computer Science
 MEL4E – Math for Work and Everyday Life
 NDW4M – Contemporary Indigenous Issues & Perspectives in a Global Context
 OLC4O – Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course

Cooperative Education (2 credits taken in grade 11 OR 12)
Summer co-op available.

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Student Name: _____

Year of graduation: _____

Pathway of interest:

☐ Apprenticeship ☐ College ☐ University ☐ Workplace

Certifications (Mandatory*): ☐ *Standard First Aid ☐ *CPR Training ☐ *WHMIS Training	Date Completed: _____ _____ _____	3 Sector Specific Certifications: ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____	Date Completed: _____ _____ _____
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Pathway	Apprenticeship	College	University	Workplace
4 Major Credits: New: Students can now substitute 3 additional Cooperative Education credits related to their sector in place of 3 major credits	☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____	☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____	☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____	☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____
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1 English:	☐ _____	☐ _____	☐ _____	☐ _____
1 Other Required Credit: Students can substitute 1 additional Cooperative Education credit related to their sector in place of 1 minor credit	☐ _____	☐ _____	☐ _____	☐ _____
☐ 1 extra sector-related coop credit _____				
2 Sector Related Cooperative Education Credits:	☐ Coop _____ ☐ Coop _____	☐ Coop _____ ☐ Coop _____	☐ Coop _____ ☐ Coop _____	☐ Coop _____ ☐ Coop _____

Minimum 1 Experiential Learning, 1 Reach Ahead Experience & 1 Sector-Partner Experience:

☐ Experiential: _____ Date: _____
☐ Reach Ahead: _____ Date: _____
☐ SPE: _____ Date: _____