KDHS
Kapuskasing District High School

Specialist High Skills Major

Arts & Culture

Indigenous Focus 2026-2027

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
- Intermediate 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.

District School Board Ontario North East

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Student Name: _____

Year of graduation: _____

Pathway of interest:

☐ Apprenticeship ☐ College ☐ University ☐ Workplace

Certifications (Mandatory*):	Date Completed:	3 Sector Specific Certifications:	Date Completed:
☐ *Intermediate First Aid	_____	☐ _____	_____
☐ *CPR Training	_____	☐ _____	_____
☐ *WHMIS Training	_____	☐ _____	_____

Pathway	Apprenticeship	College	University	Workplace
4 Major Credits: Students can substitute 3 additional Cooperative Education credits related to their sector in place of 3 major credits	☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____	☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____	☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____	☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____
	☐ 1 extra sector-related coop credit _____ ☐ 1 extra sector-related coop credit _____ ☐ 1 extra sector-related coop credit _____			
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: _____