

## NELSON HIGH SCHOOL **PERFORMING ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (PACT)**



### Program Overview:

The Performing Arts and Communications Technology (PACT) Specialist High Skills Major is an exciting program that allows senior students to explore a variety of musical, dramatic and technological practical skills. Students will have the unique opportunity to perform and produce in their specialist field. Through a variety of experiential learning opportunities, PACT supports and promotes students' creative expression through high school and beyond.

The PACT program allows students to have the unique opportunity to focus in one of the following fields or a combination of two or more.

### Students will:

#### MUSIC

- Develop musical knowledge and skills (eg. instrumental music, guitar, vocal, musical theatre) by performing a variety of productions, concerts and community events;
- Participate in workshops and learn from industry professionals;
- Explore a variety of roles in music (eg. performance, conducting, composition, production, history)

#### DRAMATIC ARTS

- Assume different roles within a production company (eg. director, actor, lighting designer, hair and makeup, stage manager, etc.);
- Develop their performance skills in the classroom, on stage and through professional workshops;
- Learn and perform a variety of genres and performance styles

#### COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

- Develop skills using a variety of software and equipment to produce engaging film, advertising, digital audio and graphic design projects;
- Develop and strengthen knowledge and analytical skills related to the film and advertising sector;
- Participate in workshops, receive career advice and tour the workplace with industry professionals

### Course Package:

Students enrolled in the PACT program will need to complete the following:

- 4 major credits in Drama, Music or Communications Technology
- Grade 12 English credit
- 1 Business or Canadian and World Studies credit
- 2 Co-op credits

In addition to major credits, students will be completing several subject specific certifications including WHMIS and Standard First Aid.

## Who would be interested in the program?

Students who are passionate about music, drama and communications technology should apply for this program. This program is designed to help you understand the various arts and culture opportunities that exist beyond high school.

## Program Delivery Schedule:

- Students enrolled in this program will complete 4 senior music, drama or communications technology courses by the end of grade 12. Typically students will choose two courses in grade 11 and two courses in grade 12
- Students also need to complete 2 credits in coop. These credits are typically completed in grade 11 or in the summer between grade 11 and grade 12
- Students must also complete one of the prescribed Business or History courses by the end of Grade 12
- Each student must complete a Grade 12 English credit
- Students are responsible for all prerequisites to each course
- English course, Business or History course and Cooperative Education credits may be completed at student's home school or at Nelson High School

## Application Details and Contact Information:

- All interested students can obtain an application at his/her school's guidance office;
- For more information on the SHSM Arts and Culture program, visit [schooltocareer.ca](http://schooltocareer.ca);
- To register for the program, go to [www.onsorts.ca](http://www.onsorts.ca) or visit the guidance counselor at your school;
- Parent information nights are held throughout the year to allow interested students and parents to seek further details on the program.



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