



## IROQUOIS RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS

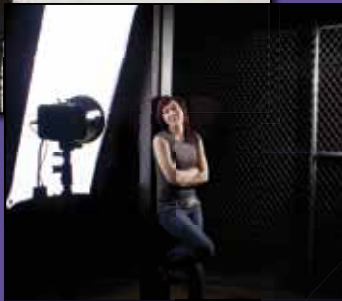
### Program Overview:

The Iroquois Ridge Visual Arts Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) provides students with wide ranging opportunities for success in the Visual Arts in all four of the post-secondary pathways. The Iroquois Ridge Visual Arts SHSM combines differentiated instruction, in-class activities and out of school community partnerships, augmenting each participant's High School experience. Skill-based studio work in the Visual Arts will be seamlessly integrated with a cultivation of critical thinking skills about visual culture in today's society. The goal is to provide enriched learning opportunities and a solid preparation for a rewarding and successful future in the Visual Arts and Culture sector.

### Students will:

- have the opportunity to explore all four **pathways** (Apprenticeship, College, University and Workplace).
- be exposed to a multitude of **career explorations** (design, graphics, fine arts, education, curatorial skills, photography, marketing, visual culture, media, digital technologies).
- develop **studio skills** in a variety of media.
- develop a **portfolio** of work for application to a post-secondary destination.

- develop **critical thinking skills** (conceptualism, contextualism, social commentary, design and culture).
- explore themes in Art History (Western and Non-Western).
- take part in **experiential learning opportunities** (job shadowing, job twinning, work and volunteer experience.)
- take part in **Reach Ahead activities** (opportunities such as visiting artists and workshops at Colleges and Universities).
- complete **Co-Op placements** (minimum of 2 credits linked to Visual Arts).
- participate in specific arts-related **Field Trips**.
- earn an Ontario Skills **Passport (OSP)**.
- earn **Visual Arts SHSM Certifications** (WHMIS, First Aid, Fall Arrest etc...).
- complete **Contextualized Learning Activities** (Visual Arts activities embedded within English and Business courses).
- graduate with a **SHSM diploma and transcript** that is recognized by Post-Secondary Institutions.



## Course Package:

- 8 bundled credits including four credits in the Visual Arts (grades 11 and 12), two in Co-operative education (grade 11 or 12), one in English (grade 11) and one in Business (grade 11 or 12).
- Sector-recognized certification and safety awareness training.
- Experiential learning through Co-operative Education and other workplace experiences.
- Use of the Ontario Skills Passport (OSP).
- Reach Ahead experiences connecting to Post-Secondary and career opportunities.

## Who would be interested in the program?

Students with a passion for and an interest in pursuing a career in the Visual Arts and Visual Culture would benefit from the Iroquois Ridge Specialist High Skills Major program.

## Application Details and Contact Information:

For more information on the Iroquois Ridge Specialist High Skills Major Visual Arts Program contact your school guidance counselor, go to [www.haltonpathways.ca](http://www.haltonpathways.ca) or [OnSorts.ca](http://OnSorts.ca) websites, or contact:

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