

# ARTS & CULTURE

Nelson High School

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The arts and culture sector offers opportunities to get inspired and use their unique skills and abilities to explore drama, music, visual arts, photography, communications technology and technological design. Students who are interested in exploring their options related to arts and technology can take the Specialist High Skills Major program to engage in authentic learning and experiences that will be an asset for a future in the arts and technology.

### Experiential Learning Opportunities

- Participate in workshops with industry professionals
- Incorporate digital technologies into the creative process
- Develop transferable skills compatible with multiple pathways to all postsecondary destinations
- Select from opportunities that reflect your own focus with the SHSM: drama, music, visual arts, photography, communications technology, technological design

### Related Careers

- Actor, Comedian, Dancer
- Animator, Graphic Artist/Illustrator, Technician
- Musician, Singer, Video Recording Technician
- Industrial Designer, Architect, Interior
- Designer, Technologist/Technician
- Producer, Director, Choreographer
- Painter, Sculptor, Visual Artist
- ... and more

### Certifications & Training

Opportunities may include:

- CPR Level C / AED Training, Standard First Aid / WHMIS
- Specialized Industry Certification e.g. Stage Combat
- Audition Preparation
- Advanced Training in a Technique, Technology, Art Form, or Art Therapy
- Leadership and event coordination
- Portfolio Development
- Technical Staging

# CREDITS

## Course Package

Each SHSM program offers students a bundle of 8 - 10 credits. These courses are regular Ontario secondary school courses that allow students to work towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, but have been bundled as the most relevant courses to prepare students for a future in the arts and culture sector.

### The Bundle Includes:

- **4 “major” credits** in arts and culture in grade 11 and 12:
  - > Communications Technology, Drama, Music, Photography, Technological Design, Visual Arts
- **Supporting credits**, which include Contextualized Learning Activities (opportunities for students to learn the subject in the context of the arts and culture sector):
  - > Grade 11 and/or 12 English credit
  - > Business Studies or Canadian and World Studies
  - > 2 Cooperative Education credits to experience life in the arts and culture sector

### Applying to the Arts & Culture SHSM:

All students in Halton are able to attend the Arts & Culture SHSM at Nelson High School in grade 11 or grade 12. Each student's goals will be assessed and course selection will be determined based on individual needs.

### If you want to learn more about this program:

- Check out the Arts & Culture SHSM at [haltonpathways.ca](http://haltonpathways.ca)
- Express interest on [myblueprint.ca/halton](http://myblueprint.ca/halton)
- Speak with your guidance counsellor in student services
- Come to a Pathways Planning Information Evening (see [haltonpathways.ca](http://haltonpathways.ca) for dates and times)

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