

*Interested in the Arts?
Planning on making it a career?*

Gain valuable work experience and take intensive course studies in a particular arts focus decided on by YOU!

Innisdale's Art SHSM allows a choice of focus in either dance, drama, music, visual/cyber arts, and/or technical production.

Not sure of just one area?

No problem!

Combine multiple disciplines to focus on areas such as performance (dance, drama, vocal) or backstage management (construction and communication technologies).

This SHSM helps to build your portfolio and support post-secondary plans and career opportunities.

Specialized certifications may include Health and Safety, Customer Service, Theatre Make-up and more.

Professional industry speakers and specialized field trips are all part of the package.



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Need More Information?

Come to the Guidance Office and Speak with a Guidance Counsellor or to pick up an application.

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SHSM
SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

What is a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?

A SHSM is a workplace, apprenticeship, college or university pathway, which allows students to gain sector-specific skills and knowledge. It allows students to explore, identify and refine career goals and make informed decisions about post secondary options.



What is Involved in a SHSM?

An Arts SHSM consists of the following components:

- A defined bundle of courses
- Industry recognized certification and training
- Reach ahead activities in the area of post secondary pathways
- Experiential Learning activities
- Use of the Ontario Skills Passport to document learning

A Defined Bundle of Courses

Students will complete four major credit courses in the SHSM of their choosing—two in grade 11 and two in grade 12. They will complete contextualized learning activities in several predetermined courses which may include English, Math, Science and Business. As well, students will take two co-op credits in order to gain experience related to their Specialist High Skills Major.

Certification and Training

This component enables students to acquire knowledge and skills related to safe work habits and sector specific training. In the Arts, there are six requirements including First Aid, CPR, and WHMIS. The elective certifications may Health and Safety, Customer Service, Theatre Make-up, Stage Management and more. Professional industry speakers and specialized field trips are all part of the package.

Experiential Learning Activities Reach Ahead Experiences

These are opportunities to explore, observe, participate in and reflect on a variety of sector specific experiences and careers. These may include but are not limited to:

- Job Shadowing
- Visits to workplaces, colleges or universities
- Dual Credit Programs
- Apprenticeship Exposure
- Tours



Benefits to the Student

- An OSSD diploma with a special seal indicating a High Skills Major has been earned.
- A Specialist High Skills Major Record Card that can be brought to prospective employers stating the credits earned and the certification and training that has been completed.
- An opportunity to better prepare for the workforce and have an “edge” when competing with others for jobs or post secondary opportunities.



Potential Careers in the ARTS

A sample of some potential careers in the Arts

- Graphic Designer
- Interior designer/decorator
- Desktop Publisher
- Actor for film, television, and theatre
- Television Broadcaster
- Music Performer
- Sound Designer
- Music Therapist
- Comedy writer and performer
- Entertainment Industry Power Technician

