

Burlington Central High School
Program Spotlight:
Specialist High Skills Major: Arts & Culture

The Specialist High Skills Major program in Arts & Culture at Burlington Central High School offers students an opportunity to specialize, gain qualifications, and plan a career pathway in various areas of the Arts & Culture sector while still in high school. We offer a wide variety of Arts courses as part of the program, focusing in; Drama, Music, Musical Theatre, Media Arts, Design, Technical Theatre, Communications Technology, Film & Video and Visual Arts.

Program At-a-Glance:

The Arts & Culture program is a bundle of 8 credits, completed in grades 11 and 12. These courses include:

- 4 “major” credits in a student’s Arts area(s) of focus (normally 2 in grade 11 + 2 in grade 12)
- 1 credit in Grade 12 English
- 1 credit in Business or Canadian & World Studies
- 2 coop credits in a placement related to the Arts & Culture sector

Additional Opportunities and Experiences:

Students who enrol in the Specialist High Skills Major program in Arts & Culture have special opportunities to gain related experience and enhance their portfolios through:

- **Certifications and Awareness Training:** Students will complete 3 mandatory certifications in First Aid, CPR and WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System) Training. 3 additional certifications will be completed based on individual interests and opportunities through courses, guest speakers, field trip opportunities, etc.
- **Experiential Learning Opportunities,** such as job-shadowing industry professionals and gain workplace experience in the Arts & Culture sector through cooperative education.
- **Reach Ahead Experiences** which provide opportunities to explore post-secondary education in the Arts & Culture sector and assist in the planning and development of career pathways in Apprenticeship, College, University and the Workplace.

Next Steps for Interested Students:

- Check out additional program information through www.schooltocareer.ca and discuss your interest with parents and guardians
- Connect with Mr. Ford, SHSM Arts & Culture Program Lead, to ask questions and get more information
- See Ms. Robbins in Student Services to get registered on OnSORTS and to discuss planning your course pathway and next steps to enrol in the program.