

If you are an employer working in

Arts & Culture



You can help prepare your future workforce by participating in and becoming involved in the **Specialist High Skills Major program**.

A Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a specialized program where high school students focus their learning on a specific area of study, in this case, Arts and Culture.

Students in a SHSM are required to complete the following:

1. A bundle of eight Grade 11 and Grade 12 credits that comprises:
 - four arts and culture major credits
 - two other required credits from the Ontario curriculum, in English and a choice of business studies or Canadian and world studies
 - two cooperative education credits tied to the sector.
2. Six sector-recognized certifications and/or training courses/programs (three compulsory and a choice of three electives)
3. Experiential learning and career exploration activities within the sector
4. Reach ahead experiences connected with the student's postsecondary plans
5. Development of Essential Skills and work habits required in the sector, and documentation of them using the OSP

For arts and culture majors, possible careers include:

Apprenticeship – gem setter/goldsmith, stage sound and light technician

College – photographer, graphic artist, interior designer

University – journalist, writer, visual artist, conductor

Entry level workplace – photographic and film processor, printing machine operator, sign maker

As an employer in an arts and culture career you are able to help students in the Lambton-Kent region complete their SHSM. Contact Janet Doyle, Passport to Prosperity – Business/Education Coordinator at 519-332-0000 ext. 22 janet.doyle@slwdb.org or register at www.employerregistry.ca and get involved today!

The Arts & Culture SHSM program is offered at:

- Chatham Kent Secondary School
- John McGregor Secondary School
- Northern Collegiate Institute & Vocational School
- Ridgetown District High School
- Sarnia Collegiate Institute & Technical School
- St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School
- Ursuline College Chatham – The Pines
- Wallaceburg District Secondary School

How can you become involved?

- Welcome a co-op student into your workplace for one semester
- Offer career exploration activities by participating in a career fair
- Participate in career talks and offer workplace tours
- Assist students with career exploration

Offer training programs in one of these areas:

Standard First Aid CPR Level A WHMIS
musical instrument repair
lighting and sound equipment maintenance
taping for dance performance
software photography
framing and matting
Other training: contact us for more details
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