



What is a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?

An SHSM is a program offered in Grade 11 and 12 to students in all four pathways. The program enables students to focus their high school education on their career interests. Students who complete their SHSM will graduate with a specialized high school Diploma that is sector recognized

What does an SHSM look like?

A SHSM is a bundle of up to 10 credits in Grade 11 and 12 that include two Experiential Learning (Co-op) credits

What do you get by taking an SHSM?

- Sector-recognized certifications and training
- Real workplace experience
- Learning experiences connected with post-secondary opportunities
- Skills and work habits required for future employment success



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Specialist High Skills Major 

The Arts and Culture Program Media Arts Focus

Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School

The Arts and Culture Program allows students to enjoy a brand new media suite, equipped with industry-standard technology, editing booths and a fully loaded recording studio, while focusing on various mediums in the arts including film and video, graphics, journalism, animation, event planning, web design, etc. For more information, visit granderie.ca/pj or fetedefolk.com, or contact jeanpaul.gauthier@granderie.ca and sarah.tonkin@granderie.ca.

"I really like how we can make the program our own. We get a lot of creative freedom." - Talia Rosseel

Benefits of the Arts and Culture Program:

- Receive six industry recognized certifications (First Aid/CPR, WHMIS, Adobe Certifications in Photoshop and Illustrator, Photography, Live Sound Engineering)
- Earn two co-operative education credits
- Gain experiential learning through media arts field trips and job shadowing
- Participate in Reach Ahead opportunities like visits to CBC, ImagineNATIVE film festival, Hamilton Music Awards, and the planning of community events like Arts Break and Fete de Folk

