

## **Specialist High Skills Major Program** **In** **ARTS & CULTURE**

For those of you who think the arts and culture field is limited to just the visual and performing arts, times have changed. Today, the ‘creative economy’ is a vital industry that thrives on innovative thinking and originality.

Consider fields like **advertising, design, marketing and digital arts, to education, arts administration, business, communications and music production.**

The Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM) program is dedicated to offering students the opportunity to pursue career-orientated studies while fulfilling their Ontario Secondary School Diploma credit obligations.

The SHSM program in Arts & Culture places an emphasis on formal training in traditional vocations such as **drama, vocal music, visual arts, technical production and instrumental music.**

Students receive certification in the following courses:

- CPR
- First Aid
- Medical Terminology
- Workplace Hazardous Materials Information (WHMIS)
- Ontario Skills Passport
- Lighting Workshop (Academy Theatre)
- Live Sound Set Up and Production (Van Haltern Music)
- Training in Art Form or Technique (Haliburton School of Fine Arts)
- Fall Arrest Certification (Employers First)

The Arts & Culture program at St. Thomas Aquinas CSS has developed connections with a range of arts-orientated businesses and organizations in the area, including:

- Academy Theatre
- Lindsay Art Gallery
- Bob FM
- Cogeco
- Cosmo Music
- Van Haltern's Music

The program also has strong ties to the Haliburton School of the Arts, Fleming College, and Trent University, who provide students with a better sense of post-secondary education options, as well as employment options, training and future trends in this sector

The SHSM in Arts & Culture helps prepare students to pursue creative, artistic careers. The following is an example of possible career pathways:

- Cultural Events Planner
- Video Game Developer
- Media Consultant
- Public Relations
- Photographer
- Music and Program Direction
- Music Editing, Production, and Composing
- Sound Mixing
- Audio Technician
- Digital Media
- Stage Manager
- Stage Lighting Technician
- Set Designer
- Recording Engineer
- Marketing
- Education
- Graphic Design or Illustration
- Interior Design

Be sure to speak to someone in Guidance if you are interested in enrolling into the STAT program in Health & Wellness.