



Student Checklist (Arts)

Student Name: _____

School: _____

Congratulations on choosing to pursue a High Skills Major Certificate in Arts!

This checklist will help you track your progress throughout high school, as you engage in career exploration, community-based learning, and skill development. Please note that the High Skills Major Certificate is an independent certification. **You are responsible for tracking your progress and ensuring all requirements are completed.**

HSM Leads are your primary contact for support. They verify checklists and portfolios and sign off on required milestones. Connect with your HSM Lead as you work through your requirements. [Find your HSM Lead here.](#)



Focused Course Selection

Course availability varies by school. Courses are listed in the language(s) they are offered.

The same course cannot be used in multiple categories (Core Learning, Co-operative Education, and Supplementary Learning).

Co-operative Education placements must be in an Arts environment.

An asterisk (*) indicates that the course is available through the [Nova Scotia Virtual School](#).

Students who graduate with HSM in Arts may be eligible for additional opportunities. See the [incentives page](#) for details.

a) Core Learning

1 credit:

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List of available courses:

CREDIT	COURSE NAME
1.0	Dance 11
1.0	Drama 10 / Art dramatique 10
1.0	Music 10
1.0	Visual Art 10

b) Co-operative Education

1 credit:

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List of available courses:

CREDIT	COURSE NAME
1.0	Co-operative Education 11* / Éducation coopérative 11*
1.0	Co-operative Education 12* / Éducation coopérative 12*

Co-op Reflection and Evidence of Placement

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Focused Course Selection

c) Supplementary Learning

2 credits:

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List of available courses:

CREDIT	COURSE NAME
1.0	Advanced Music 11
1.0	Advanced Music 12
1.0	Arts Entrepreneurship 12
1.0	Arts Related Personal Development Credit
1.0	Audio Recording and Production 12
1.0	Communications Technology 11
1.0	Communications Technology 12
1.0	Co-operative Education Choose 1 credit: • Co-operative Education 11* / Éducation coopérative 11* • Co-operative Education 12* / Éducation coopérative 12*
1.0	Dance 11
1.0	Design 11
1.0	Drama 11 / Art dramatique 11
1.0	Drama 12 Theatre Arts
1.0	Film and Video Production 12*
1.0	IB Music 12*
1.0	IB Theatre Arts
1.0	IB Visual Art
1.0	Multimedia 12*
1.0	Music 11
1.0	Music 12
1.0	Textile Technology 12
1.0	Visual Arts 11*
1.0	Visual Arts 12

Reflect on the two courses you selected from the Supplementary Learning list and how they relate to your chosen career path.

Consider how the knowledge, skills, or experiences you gained in each course can support your future goals. How did each course help you develop relevant skills, explore your interests, or deepen your understanding of the career pathway? What connections can you make between what you learned and the expectations or opportunities in your chosen field?

When your reflections are complete, upload them to [myBlueprint](#).

Reflection of Supplementary Learning 1 ☐ Uploaded to myBlueprint

Reflection of Supplementary Learning 2 ☐ Uploaded to myBlueprint



Community-Based Learning

a) At least 2 community-based experiences

In addition to Co-operative Education (in Focused Course Selection), participate in at least 2 different community-based learning experiences related to arts, that combine to total at least 4 hours. Experiences should be documented below, with supplementary text and/or photos uploaded to your student portfolio on [myBlueprint](#). Any additional experiences (not listed below) can be uploaded to your student portfolio on [myBlueprint](#) to showcase for future employers or post-secondary institutions.

Examples may include (but are not limited to):

- participation in a volunteer, community, or service-learning project
- attendance at a career fair, conference, or workshop
- working with an Elder, community mentor, or knowledge holder
- participation in a local, provincial, or national competition (e.g., Skills Canada–Nova Scotia)

Description

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Date(s) of experience

Name of supervisor/teacher

Description

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Date(s) of experience

Name of supervisor/teacher

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Date(s) of experience

Name of supervisor/teacher

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Date(s) of experience

Name of supervisor/teacher



Training & Certification

Complete a minimum of 6 training opportunities or certifications related to Arts. There are 4 required certifications, and at least 2 additional certifications. Any additional training opportunities can be uploaded to your student portfolio on [myBlueprint](#) to showcase for future employers or post-secondary institutions. Some certifications are completed during Co-Op or other courses. Your HSM Lead can help you navigate your certifications.

a) 4 required certifications

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES OR CERTIFICATIONS	DATE OF COMPLETION	UPLOADED TO MYBLUEPRINT
Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)		☐
Occupational Health and Safety (e.g. Safe@MyJob)		☐
Safe Spaces Make Great Workplaces (Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission)		☐
Working with Abilities (Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission)		☐

b) At least 2 additional certifications

Examples may include (but are not limited to):

- Completion of workshop(s) from recognized organizations
- Advanced or additional training (e.g. music, design, beading, drumming, theatre, etc.)
- Achievement of applied and written skills (instrumental/vocal) recognized by external organizations (e.g. Royal Canadian Conservatory of Music)
- Emergency First Aid and CPR
- Fall Protection
- [WCB & Me](#) (Workers Compensation Board Training)

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Portfolio

a) myBlueprint

Your student portfolio on myBlueprint must demonstrate that you have met the qualifications for High Skills Major in Arts. Add to your portfolio throughout high school. Once complete, it needs to be reviewed by your HSM Lead.

☐ I have completed my portfolio

TO BE COMPLETED BY HSM LEAD

The student has met the requirements for the Nova Scotia High Skills Major Certificate

☐ Yes

☐ No

Date of review

Reviewed by