

SHSM Certifications and Sector-Partnered Experiences for All Sectors

Welcome to Centauri Arts!

Welcome to Centauri Arts! For 27 years we have been a leader in education and arts programming in Ontario. Now, we are proud to partner with schools across Ontario to offer SHSM certifications and Sector-Partnered Experiences for a wide range of Sectors – in schools, and virtually. Our background in the arts and education means that we are well placed to offer interactive and creative programming, where students are actively involved in the learning process.

“The information presented in your SHSM training program was extensive and extremely practical. The activities were effective, and the students were fully engaged throughout. Both the students and I loved the entire presentation.” – SHSM Lead Teacher, UGDSB

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“I just want to say thank you. I took away a lot for this and I also had fun trying to come up with business ideas and expanding on them!” - Chris (Grade 12 student, Peel DSB)



1. SHSM Training Programs for ALL Sectors

The following in-person and virtual programs can be offered for any combination of Sectors.

Certifications include a 2 hour in-person or virtual workshop delivered by a trained professional, and preparatory/follow-up materials totaling 1-2 hours, which you can pass along to your students.

We use our experience in the arts to integrate roleplay, drama games, case studies, group presentations and team challenges into the learning experience – ensuring a memorable hands-on program for all students.

Equity & Allyship

In this workshop we address questions of equity and diversity as they relate to the workplace, and examine inequities relating to gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and (dis)ability. Practical and discussion-based activities encourage students to position themselves as allies in our journey to a more equitable society.

Conflict Resolution

Students explore strategies to tackle and resolve conflict in the workplace and beyond. This training program makes use of role play, drama games and self reflection to address essential skills.

Communication Skills

How do we communicate effectively with one another? Students explore body language and oral communication as it relates to a variety of situations to be encountered in the workplace and in life.

Public Speaking Skills

Working in pairs, small groups and finally as a whole group, students learn public speaking skills including speech writing, body language and communication – then apply them practically.

Customer Service

In this hands-on workshop we focus on the principles of CIRP: Communication, Integrity, Respect and Problem-Solving, using role-play, communication strategies and case studies to highlight the importance of customer service in all industries.

Leadership Skills

In this training program we identify and practise a variety of leadership skills using practical activities. Students learn the importance of promoting leadership skills in themselves, and in others.

Entrepreneurship

What are the skills required of a successful entrepreneur? This training program makes use of case studies, but also applies key strategies to the students' own ideas.

Stress Management Techniques

Learn to master techniques that will help you succeed in stressful situations. This workshop includes a self-analysis component, and practical examples of stress management strategies.

**More programs are coming soon!
Please ask if your school is looking for a training program that is not listed here.**



About our Sector-Partnered Experience

Our Sector-Partnered Experience is a full day (6-hour) event for students that takes place in your school. It includes a wide range of interactive and engaging activities: games, group work, presentations, discussions, role play and solo reflection. Students explore the ICE principles in a practical manner, then apply them twice: firstly, to a career goal or business idea of their own, and secondly to a real-life industry problem connected to their Sector.

Students from different schools and Sectors may be combined in a single SPE. Students receive a Workbook packed with ideas, information and industry anecdotes. Each SPE ends with a self-evaluation.

A Sample 6-hour, In-School Sector-Partnered Experience

- 9.00 Arrival; leadership activities to explore the value of ICE
- 10-00 Working solo and in pairs, students participate in activities to identify an ideal business venture based on their interests and skills. They apply Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship to their idea, in order to expand it into a viable proposition.
- 11.30 Students are introduced to an industry challenge related to their sector. They work in groups to generate solutions.
- 12.00 Lunch
- 12.45 We use a 'speed dating' system of rotation, as students test their ideas out on one another.
- 1.30 In their original groups, students settle on a solution to the industry problem, and prepare a presentation
- 2.45 Students present their solutions
- 3.15 Students discuss the solutions generated, and the industry leader presents their perspective
- 3.30 Self-evaluation and final observations



The Virtual SPE Option

For remote schools, or in the case of further lockdowns, a virtual SPE can be offered. This consists of asynchronous activities, and a 2.5 hour virtual workshop.

The asynchronous portion consists of:

- A video presentation introducing students to our company and to the principles of ICE
- A workbook. This includes activities that will help students to relate ICE to their interests and skills

The 2.5-hour virtual workshop consists of:

- An interactive look at how ICE can be used to generate solutions to industry challenges
- The presentation of a real-life industry challenge
- A group project in which students generate solutions to the challenge presented
- Group presentations and self-evaluation

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SHSM lead teacher

Our Instructors for the SHSM Certifications and Sector-Partnered Experience

SHSM Certifications are offered by Centauri Arts instructors who have many years' experience leading training programs. You can reach sample biographies of our instructors on our website.

Our Sector-Partnered Experience is offered by Julie Hartley, the director at Centauri Arts. Hartley's career in arts and education spans a quarter century. She was the director of Centauri Summer Arts Camp for 25 years, and is the director of the Centauri Arts Academy in Toronto. She has published 3 books, presented at numerous education conferences and runs retreats for writers in Costa Rica and Mexico. Over the past 2 decades, Hartley has run guest workshops, SHSM certifications and SPEs in dozens of schools in Canada and beyond.



Contact Julie Hartley at: julie@centauriarts.com to discuss the needs of your students – and if you are looking for a program not listed here, just ask!

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