

## **CISCO ACADEMY PROGRAM**

The Cisco Academy curriculum provides computer and networking knowledge, practical experience, opportunities for career exploration, and soft-skills development to help students prepare for entry-level careers in IT and networking. The curriculum offers a hands-on approach to learning, and uses interactive tools and easy-to-follow labs to help students learn the general theory needed to build computers and networks. The program is offered in Grades 10, 11 and 12. Certificates are awarded by Cisco Systems for the successful completion of each of the three courses.

## **CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION**

Co-operative education is a planned learning experience, for which credits are earned, that integrates classroom theory and learning experiences in a community placement to enable students to apply, expand, and refine knowledge and skills acquired through a related curriculum or a locally developed course.

Courses successfully completed or taken concurrently can be linked to Co-operative Education whereby the students can earn up to 2 additional credits in a subject. The knowledge and skills of the in-school course are applied in a practical work environment. Such experiences assist students in preparing for future careers and making successful transitions to post-secondary education, apprenticeship programs or to the workplace.

Co-operative Education experiences include:

- A personalized placement learning plan (PPLP) based on course curriculum expectations.
- Credit delivery (2 or 4 credits in a semester).
- Pre-placement instruction and orientation (including health and safety preparation).
- Provision for Workplace Safety Insurance Board coverage.
- Regular monitoring at the co-operative education placement by the co-operative education teacher.
- Integration of classroom and workplace learning.
- Reflective/integrative learning classes.
- Student assessment

**Prerequisite:** Candidates should be 16 years of age and must be interviewed by the co-op department. Students must have successfully completed the related in-school course already or take it concurrently with their co-op experience.

**CODES**      **2 credit – COOP2**

**4 credit – COOP4**

## **EXTENDED FRENCH**

The aim of the Extended French program is to develop students' French language knowledge and skills and to provide them with an understanding and appreciation of francophone culture in Canada and around the world.

By the end of the four-year program, students will be able to converse freely on familiar topics; will be able to read – with the occasional help of a dictionary – books, magazines, and newspapers in French; and will be able to function in a French-speaking community.

The Dufferin-Peel CDSB grants a certificate in Extended French if a student has successfully completed the sequence of four courses in Extended French and the three courses (Geography, History and World Religions) taught in French.

## **Health Care Pathway**

A Pathway is a clearly identified group of courses and experiences concentrating on a specific interest or occupation. The Health Care Pathway allows students to focus on knowledge and skills that are of particular importance in the health care field.

Students will obtain certification and experiences recognized in the health care field, as they work towards meeting the requirements for their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

Students who graduate from a Health Care Pathway will be better prepared for success in the post-secondary destination of their choice, whether it be a college or university program, or the workplace.

## **HOSPITALITY SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR**

A Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a ministry-approved specialized education program in Hospitality and Tourism for secondary students. SHSM allows students to focus on knowledge and skills that are of particular importance in the Hospitality and Tourism industry.

Students will obtain certifications recognized in the Hospitality and Tourism Industry, as they work towards meeting the requirements for their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

Students who graduate with a SHSM designation in Hospitality and Tourism on their diploma are prepared for success in the post-secondary destination of their choice, whether it be apprenticeship training, a college or university program, or the workplace.