



## **VENTURE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS**

Experiential learning programs designed to create opportunities for students to discover talents and gifts, and explore real-world employment options.

**HAMILTON DISTRICT CHRISTIAN HIGH**



## discover **VENTURE**

### **ENHANCING COOPERATIVE EDUCATION**

The Venture program at Hamilton District Christian High is designed to expand, enhance, and complement our current cooperative education program.

Students with a broad variety of academic and vocational interests are invited to participate in a three-year program in Grades 10-12. The program will allow students to meet core course requirements while being part of real-world workplace placements and internships.

### **FUTURE READY**

Co operative Education provides students with the opportunity to explore the possibilities in a continuously changing world of work; enable them to bridge their academic and workplace knowledge; and challenge them to learn, grow, and contribute wherever they go.

Students gain valuable on the job experience and the chance to acquire workplace-ready skills and abilities while benefiting from relationships with qualified professionals in career fields related to their interest.





## key **BENEFITS**

The Hamilton District Christian High Venture Program is a set of courses and community placements intended to provide students with First hand opportunities and resources to explore possible pathways to employment and careers.

### **PLACEMENTS**

Placements will help to develop a rich sense of being called, and explorations of pathways to develop student's abilities and talents.

### **LEARNING EXPERIENCES**

Learning experiences will seek to foster the recognition of work as an obedient response to God's calling and begin a life-long process of discerning how skills and talents can serve God and serve others.

### **EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION**

The program is organized around a 3-year progression of courses which integrate on-campus learning with community field trips, placements and initiating relationships with potential mentors.

Instruction will integrate learning expectations with experiences in a variety of venues which will challenge students to consider possible career opportunities to use their gifts to benefit their communities.

### **CAREER EXPLORATION**

Whether you want to be an electrician or a nurse, an engineer or a chef- this program provides excellent opportunities for career exploration and academic integration.





Students will take courses in subject areas related to possible career pathways.

### **BUNDLE ELECTIVES**

Bundle electives, as illustrated in the chart opposite page; are designed to connect with vocational areas of interest to prepare the students for post-secondary pathways. The maximum benefits are gained from a three-year commitment to the program.

For students planning university study following high school, the Bundle Electives would include necessary pre-requisite 4U courses.

**The program allows students to meet all academic prerequisites for college, university, or apprenticeship programs.**

Students should be aware that they need to be able to find their own transportation to and from placements.



# sample **SCHEDULE**

Additional schedule designs are possible for students directed towards college or apprenticeship programs following graduation from HDCH.

GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
English	English	English	English
Math	Math	Math	Bundle elective
Science	Science	Sr. Science or Tech Bundle	Bundle elective
French	History	New Testament	Bundle elective
Geography	Old Testament	Bundle elective	2 period Specialist Block/ Experiential Education (2 periods allow for two more electives)
Phys. Ed.	Bundle elective(s)	Bundle elective(s)	4 period Specialist Block/ Experiential Education
MegaBloc & Integrated Arts	Specialist Block Civic/Careers + Design Your Life	Specialist Venture Class	1 period Leadership Block



# the **STEPS**

## **GRADE 9**

Attend the Venture information sessions for students and parents in November-December and apply for entry into the program.

**Applications are due by February 10, 2020.**



## **GRADE 10** .....

Participate in a two-period, two-credit block which includes the **Careers, Civics** and **Design Your Life** courses. Students will engage in an integrated approach to their coursework, focusing on broad themes related to vocational and educational opportunities.

### **Key elements include:**

- career and interest exploration
- establishing community mentorships
- workplace field trips/speakers
- resume and career portfolio

Attention will be given both to the culture of community service organizations as well as the for-profit business sector.

## **GRADE 11** .....

Participate in a one-credit Venture class and pathway related elective. Students will engage in integrated, project-based explorations of their chosen fields with a strong emphasis on experiential learning.

Students will build on established mentoring relationships and engage in short term on-site and off-site experiential placements. Students will also explore opportunities for external certifications and industry standard credentials. Additional courses may be planned around possible career pathways. Students will also develop a personal financial plan

## **GRADE 12** .....

Participate in a one-four credit cooperative education placement; create an exit portfolio in connection with the mentor; develop post-secondary transition plans.





## questions & **ANSWERS**

**Is Venture just for students who already know their career path after high school?**

**Not at all.**

Venture is designed anticipating that students will initially be exploring and considering a variety of possibilities. Some experiences in the program may help students to rule out certain career paths as well as pique an interest in others.

A better sense of career and work pathways is an intended outcome upon completion of the Venture program, not an entry requirement.

**How would it impact other course options?**

In Grade 10 and 11, all three credits in the full year block would meet core requirements. In Grade 12, students have the option of either a 2-credit or 4-credit Co-op placement or leadership placement. Other electives would have to be planned around these components.

**How does the application process work?**

**November/December 2019:**

Applications are available in the office and [hdch.org/venture/discover-venture](http://hdch.org/venture/discover-venture).

Attend lunch hour information sessions and the Parent information evening on November 14 at 7:30 pm.

**January/February 2020**

Applications due by February 10, 2020.

Offers and acceptance of entry process by March 12th, 2020.



# DISCOVER VENTURE

Interested in exploring a variety of careers through workplace placement?

Keen on finding practical, real-world connections to your learning?

Passionate about discovering and developing your gifts and talents?

Consider applying for Venture.



## Learn more

Find links to the program on Edsby and [hdch.org/venture](http://hdch.org/venture)

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## OUR MISSION

to cultivate character through learning for lives of service to God.

## OUR VISION

to see all HDCH graduates become a faithful presence in the community that they serve.