



# W.C. Miller Collegiate Hockey Canada Skills Academy



## ABOUT THE ACADEMY

### What is a Licensed Hockey Canada Skills Academy?

*“A hockey skill development program offered within a public or private academic institution for any student registered or wanting to become registered with a minor hockey association team.”*

The Canadian Hockey Skills Academy initiative is a result of the “1999 Molson Open Ice Summit.”

The concept allows local school boards the opportunity to work together with Minor Hockey Associations and Hockey Canada to offer hockey as an academic option to any student wishing to participate in the program.

### The Role of the Hockey Canada Skills Academy

1. To provide additional skills training for minor hockey aged players
2. To supplement, not compete with, the existing programs run by Minor Hockey Associations
3. To provide emphasis on individual skill development and academic achievement
4. To create an environment for skill development which will enhance game performance

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## **The Goals**

The goals of the HCSA @ W.C. Miller Collegiate are consistent with other officially licensed HCSA franchises from across Canada, and include:

- Development of fundamentally sound hockey skills in individuals regardless of their skill level
- Development of confidence, leadership, and a positive attitude toward self and others
- Building life skills - commitment, dedication, accountability and teamwork
- Increasing academic achievement through involvement in a school athletic program
- Introduction of new players into the Minor Hockey System

## **The Benefits**

Being a Licensed Hockey Canada Skills Academy brings with it benefits for both the program and players:

The Program:

- On and off-ice curriculum are developed by hockey and fitness experts
- The coaches receive training through the National HCSA Training Program
- HCSA is part of a national vision for hockey
- Goals and activities are established with a focus on skill/tactical development

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## The Players

- Receive enhancement of their individual technical and tactical skills
- Receive a better practice to game ratio
- Receive instruction that allows elite players, and 'grassroots' players to develop in separate groups with players of similar skill levels
- Receive periodic testing of their skills to ensure improvement is being made

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