



# SHSM

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**The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program offers sector-recognized certifications, and training that better prepares students for their future endeavours.**

The program provides ALL grade 11 and 12 students the opportunity to explore specific areas of interest to them. Prepares students for entry into Workplace, Apprenticeship, College and University Programs.

Students will receive training and experience in their chosen sector that is delivered in a pathway framework.

Opportunity to receive a variety of certificates in their area of focus.

All sector-specific certifications and training including: CPR, First Aid and WHMIS.

### **Who Should Consider This Program?**

*Individuals who are interested in:*

- Building great collaborative learning skills
  - Communication
- Critical thinking while working with groups in a hands-on learning environment
- Being an engaged and committed member of their community
  - Complex and challenging problem solving situations
  - Diverse job opportunities

Participants enrolled in a SHSM program will benefit from a broader range of opportunities by learning through experience, which also increases connections in their chosen sector.

### **Specialists High Skills Major Sectors:**

Arts and Culture  
Business  
Construction  
Environment  
Health and Wellness  
Information Technology  
Manufacturing  
Transportation



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### Components for the SHSM

A bundle of Grade 11 and Grade 12 credits that include:

- 4 major credits that provide sector-specific knowledge and skills
- 3 or 4 other required credits from the Ontario curriculum, in English and Mathematics, in which some expectations are met through learning activities contextualized to the sector
- 2 Co-operative Education (Co-op) credits that provide authentic learning experiences in a workplace setting, enabling students to refine, extend, apply, and practice sector-specific knowledge and skills
  - sector-recognized certifications and training courses from a Ministry approved list
  - “Reach Ahead” experiences in the area of the student’s post-secondary destination of choice
- development of Essential Skills and work habits required in the sector, and use of the Ontario Skills Passport (OSP) for documentation purposes



### Achievement Recognition:

Employers, parents and students will be pleased to note that SHSM students receive formal recognition for their participation in the program. Successful students are honoured with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma embossed with a red seal, and a Specialist High Skills Major Record Sheet outlining their achievement in the required components.

**For more information contact your SHSM School Lead Kimberley Durst  
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