

What is a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?

An SHSM allows students to customize their high school experience to fit career interests. Offered in grade 11 and 12, an SHSM allows students to receive a specialized high school diploma that is recognized in various economic sectors in all four pathways.

What does an SHSM look like?

An SHSM is a bundle of 8 to 10 grade 11 and grade 12 credits that include two Experiential Learning (Co-op) credits.

What do you get by taking an SHSM?

- Sector-recognized certifications and training
- Real workplace experience
- Learning experiences connected with post-secondary opportunities
- Skills and work habits required for employment success



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More Programs, More Choices

Specialist High Skills Major

The Construction Program Woodworking Focus

Dunnville Secondary School

The SHSM for Construction is a bundle of credits of Construction, Woodworking and Technological Design Grade 11 and 12 courses. It covers Architectural Drafting using AutoCAD, various areas of Construction such as framing, residential electricity and plumbing, roofing and the use of numerous other building materials as well as numerous woodworking skills and techniques.

"This program allows me to get my WHMIS and First Aid training free of charge. All the trips have allowed maximum learning experiences, and because of this program, I've received co-op credits, which have given me more additional job specific experience."
 Justin Kubiak

Benefits of the Construction Program:

- High concentration of sector related skills and knowledge
- Free certifications in CPR, First Aid, WHMIS, Basic Health & Safety and more
- Free bus trips to trade shows, colleges and related industries
- An Ontario Skills Passport used to develop Work Habits and Essential Skills for the workplace
- Co-op placement in the related sector



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