

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 economic various 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 Environmental Leadership and Sustainability Program Management Focus

Paris District High School

The Environmental Sustainability and Leadership program gives students an opportunity to specialize, gain qualifications, and plan a career pathway in various areas of the Environmental sector, while learning hands-on.

"The opportunities I have had in SHSM have changed my life. I realized I loved working outdoors and wanted to find a career that would let me do that. I now go to college in the Forestry Technician program, and I love it. I am using lots of skills I learned in SHSM and I totally recommend SHSM to anyone who likes the Environment." PDHS graduate

Benefits of the Environmental Sustainability Program:

- Receive certifications from industry leaders in Habitat Restoration, Watershed Management, First Aid/CPR, GPS use, canoeing ORKA Level 1, and more
- Visits to Guelph University, Algonquin Park and other highlights of green industry expand understanding of the wealth of occupations attached to the "Environment"
- Co-op placements include working at a Nature Center, assisting with sustainable farming, research and technical support with partners like Brant County Power, and assisting with environmental projects
- Make connections that may support future career goals



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