

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 to10 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 postsecondary opportunities
- Skills and work habits required for employment success



Student Success A Grand Erie Program

Grand Erie... **More Programs, More Choices** Specialist High Skills Major

The Health and Wellness Program Hair/Esthetics Focus

The Hairstyling/Esthetics SHSM falls under the Health and Wellness section. This program gives students life-long personal skills for healthy living and career explorations in the Beauty and Health industry.

"The Health and Wellness SHSM has been an awesome experience. All of the training and knowledge helped me not only at school but in my workplace and everyday life. Attending the educational trips taught me new skills and techniques and showed me different career choices." Rikki-Lynn Hoffman-Stinson

Benefits of the Health and Wellness Program:

- Up-to-date techniques in the beauty industry
- Free First Aid, CPR, and WHMIS and elective certifications
- Community involvement through schools, health care, community groups
- Co-op placements at reputable salons within the community
- Explore career pathways through media, guest speakers, and Reach Ahead opportunities



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