

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 Hospitality and Tourism Program Culinary Arts Focus

McKinnon Park Secondary School

Practically-based, the Hospitality and Tourism SHSM focuses on the French culinary arts. The double-credit program puts students in the restaurant setting serving tables, cooking, money handling and learning customer service.

"It's been a great program. With new equipment, like a smoker, I've learned new techniques in cooking. It's fun to experiment with different foods and cooking methods. I'm excited to pursue a career in culinary after high school."

Clara Garrow (Grade 11 student)

Benefits of the Hospitality and Tourism Program:

- Learn life skills
- Increase self-confidence
- Make students employable after building work experience in the field
- Learn life knowledge (media propaganda, new foods, nutritional information)
- Learn how to problem solve



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