

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 postsecondary opportunities
- Skills and work habits required for employment success



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Specialist High Skills Major

The Justice, Community and Emergency Services Program, Law Focus

Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School

This program allows students to explore careers and activities in sectors of law, leadership and community support services. Students with an interest in law, politics, social services, policing or social sciences should consider this program.

"I thought the Bob Bell Lecture Series [as part of the SHSM] was amazing and I still brag about it in university because I found that the most fantastic experience. I loved working with the other schools and defending something drafted by other students." Hannah B.

Benefits of the Justice, Community and Emergency Services Program:

- Conflict Resolution and Restorative Justice training, workshops, and guest speakers
- Visits to Faculties of Law, Court rooms, City Hall, Social Service organizations
- Constitutional Law workshops with the Canadian Civil Liberties Association
- Practicing Parliamentary and Legal Procedures
- Co-operative Education placements with law enforcement, law offices, and community support agencies

