

# 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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## More Programs, More Choices

**Specialist High Skills Major** 

# The Transportation Program, Automotive Service Focus

**Hagersville Secondary School** 

The Transportation High Skills Major at HSS has an Automotive Service focus. Students explore career options at local shops and in industrial settings.

"The Specialist High Skills Major program allowed me to be accepted at a great co-op placement. Working at a dealership allowed me to learn new mechanical skills." Brittany Gyokery

#### **Benefits of the Transportation Program:**

- Students explore career options through Co-operative Education working as Automotive Service Technicians, Auto Body Technicians and Heavy Equipment Technicians in industrial settings and with small business owners
- Reach Ahead activities are available at no cost including college visits and guest speakers and exploration of the Automotive Service career sector
- Students receive WHMIS, Vehicle Safety, Forklift Safety and Customer Service Certifications as well as CPR/First Aid

