



What is a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?

An SHSM is a program offered in Grade 11 and 12 to students in all four pathways. The program enables students to focus their high school education on their career interests. Students who complete their SHSM will graduate with a specialized high school Diploma that is sector recognized

What does an SHSM look like?

A SHSM is a bundle of up to 10 credits in Grade 11 and 12 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 future employment success



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The Hospitality & Tourism Program

Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School

Hospitality and Tourism SHSM allows students to experience hands on learning activities in the Fine Dining, Culinary, Restaurant, Cafeteria, Baking, Hospitality and Tourism Sectors based in a professional kitchen, restaurant and cafeteria setting that will assist in their transition from secondary to any postsecondary pathway.

"It's great to learn transferable skills, its more hands on than sitting in classes, cooking for the school and the Bistro its like working in a real restaurant" Britany Bailey

"It's great to learn different cooking methods and techniques, our equipment is state of the art this will serve me well at Culinary School " Nolan Finch

Benefits of the Arts and Culture Program:

- Build a set of transferable skills to help choose a pathway into a postsecondary or apprenticeship within the Hospitality & Tourism Sector.
- Gain industry recognized certification in first aid, CPR, hazardous materials (WHMIS), customer service, basic tourism service and food handlers certification.
- Two cooperative education credits to gain workplace experience that enables students to refine, extend and practice sector-specific knowledge and skills (also available; 3 cooperative education credits and 4 cooperative education credits) preferably in Grade 12.
- Experiential learning, career exploration and reach ahead activities within the sector (field trips).
- Could earn 2 or 4 college credits for free by taking advantage of the dual credit program with our partner Conestoga College.

