



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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Specialist High Skills Major



The Hospitality and Tourism Program Culinary Arts Focus

Hagersville Secondary School

The Hospitality and Tourism High Skills Major at HSS has a culinary arts focus where students are involved in food preparation courses, catering and a school based Bistro program.

"If it wasn't for the SHSM program in high school, I never would have been prepared for college or the workforce. The co-op department helped me get my foot in the door of the culinary industry. I met new people and had many new experiences while having a blast!" - Amanda Lickers

Benefits of the Hospitality and Tourism Program:

- Students explore career options through Co-operative Education working with chefs, bakers and small business owners
- Reach Ahead activities are available at no cost including college visits and guest speakers and exploration of the culinary arts career sector
- Students receive Smart Serve, Safe Food Handling and Customer Service
- Certifications as well as CPR/First Aid

