

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR



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& TOURISM**



# CREDITS

## Course Package

Each Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program offers students a bundle of eight to ten credits. These courses are regular Ontario secondary school courses that allow students to work towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, but have been bundled as the most relevant courses to prepare students for a future in the hospitality and tourism sector.

Two credits in this bundle include cooperative education where students pursue a work placement in a field of interest.

## Achievements in the Program

- **Certifications and Awareness Training:** Students complete selected sector-recognized certifications and training
- **Experiential Learning Opportunities:**
  - Have the opportunity to learn from industry professionals
  - Complete two cooperative education credits and gain work experience in the hospitality and tourism sector
  - See guest speakers and go on field trips to explore careers in hospitality and tourism
- Gain a **Sector-Partnered Experiences** (SPE) component that includes one of the following options: Innovation Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE) training; sector-delivered coding; or, sector-delivered mathematical literacy. The SPE will require a six hour activity, delivered with a sector partner and have an experiential and assessment component
- **Reach Ahead Experiences:** Explore the field and postsecondary education opportunities in the hospitality and tourism sector
- Completing the SHSM program prepares students for their pathway to **apprenticeship, college, university or work**



### The bundle includes:

- **Four “major” credits** in hospitality and tourism in Grade 11 and 12
- **Supporting credits:**
  - One English credit in Grade 11 or 12
  - One math credit in Grade 11 or 12
  - One Grade 11 or 12 business studies or science credit
  - Two cooperative education credits to experience life in the hospitality and tourism sector





## THE EXPERIENCE

### Students in the Hospitality and Tourism Specialist High Skills Major program will:

- Participate in the daily operations of the school cafeteria, catering of community events and marketing menu themes
- Network with industry professionals through field trips, guest speakers and work placements
- Learn about event coordination, marketing strategies, inventory procedures and customer relations
- Develop skills and experience working in the hospitality industry, using industry-related equipment to prepare and serve meals
- Learn about apprenticeship opportunities and how the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) works



The five tourism industries in Canada include opportunities in hospitality and tourism, accommodation, food and beverage services, recreation and travel services. Tourism in Ontario is a dynamic, growing sector. Prospects for satisfying employment and career advancement in the hospitality industry have never been better, locally and worldwide.



For more information on the Specialist High Skills Major Hospitality and Tourism program, contact your school guidance counsellor, SHSM board lead or visit [Ontario.ca/SHSM](http://Ontario.ca/SHSM)

