

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR



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SPORTS



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 sports 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 sports sector
 - See guest speakers and go on field trips to explore careers in sports
- 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 sports sector
- Completing the SHSM program prepares students for their pathway to **apprenticeship, college, university or work**



The bundle includes:

- **Four “major” credits** in Grades 11 and 12 with a focus on healthy active living, business, physical education and leadership
- **Supporting credits:**
 - One Grade 11 or 12 English credit
 - One Grade 11 or 12 math credit
 - One Grade 11 or 12 credit in business studies, science, or social science and humanities
 - Two cooperative education credits to experience life in the sports sector

A photograph of three students in a classroom or lab setting. In the foreground, a young man with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, is looking intently at a laptop. Behind him, a young woman with long blonde hair, wearing a red and blue plaid shirt, is also looking at the laptop. To the left, a young man with short dark hair, wearing a plaid shirt, is looking towards the camera with a thoughtful expression. In the center, a human skeleton model is mounted on a stand. The background shows a bright, modern classroom with large windows and other students in the distance.

THE EXPERIENCE

Students in the Sports Specialist High Skills Major program will:

- Gain skills, knowledge and experience in the areas of sports preparation, performance, treatment, community leadership, media and broadcasting
- Connect with industry professionals through field trips, guest speakers and other experiential learning opportunities
- Get training and sector-recognized certifications, such as Standard First Aid & CPR with Automated External Defibrillation (AED), Leadership, Sport Nutrition and Event Coordination
- Visit postsecondary institutions, such as colleges and universities
- Develop transferable skills compatible with multiple pathways to all postsecondary destinations



Canada's sports industry is growing. Dozens of cities now have professional sports teams and franchises. In Ontario, there are many professional teams in sports ranging from hockey to lacrosse to soccer. The Canadian sports sector generates around \$8 billion a year, according to the Canada Foundation for Innovation.



For more information on the Specialist High Skills Sports program, contact your school guidance counsellor, SHSM board lead or visit Ontario.ca/SHSM

