

YOUR SKILLS,
YOUR FUTURE.

WHAT IS SHSM?

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs provide Grade 11 and 12 students with an opportunity to focus their learning on an employment sector and gain valuable work experience.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SHSM?

- Explore job options through co-op work experiences
- Explore apprenticeship, college, university and/or workplace opportunities
- Develop confidence in the skills and habits required by employers
- Tailor Grade 11 and 12 high school timetables with industry-related courses
- Earn industry-related certifications that employers value
- Create a résumé for future employment (even summer jobs!)
- Build relationships and network with employers
- Open doors for apprenticeship opportunities with the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)

START PLANNING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL JOURNEY TODAY!

GRADE 8

- Build upon your child's interests through job-related conversations
- Attend your local high school's Grade 8 information session

GRADE 9

- Enroll your teen in interest-based courses and extra-curricular activities
- Focus on courses that will provide your child with experiences of interest

GRADE 10

- Continue to work with your teen to plan their pathway to earn their diploma
- Visit Guidance for more information about SHSM

GRADE 11

- Start SHSM and begin building a great résumé
- Consider taking co-op at this time for future timetable flexibility

GRADE 12

- Pursue opportunities leading to employment and/or post-secondary education
- Complete SHSM and achieve a diploma with designation

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HOW DO WE GET STARTED?

For more information, contact your Guidance Department, or visit www.mySHSM.ca

