

What is SHSM?

(Specialist High Skills Major)

Students will:

- Complete a group of credits in their selected field;
- Complete a Cooperative Education experience in their related field;
- Earn industry certifications related to their specialization (for example: First Aid, WHMIS and Working at Heights);
- Complete a “reach ahead” activity that will allow them to explore post-secondary options (some programs offer Dual Credits at the college);
- Earn their Red Seal Diploma identifying them as an SHSM graduate.
 - Have the opportunity to complete a Sector Partner Contextualized Experience with a community partner.

Specialist High Skills Major programs allow students to focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests. Learn how you can graduate from high school with specialized skills, knowledge and certifications relevant to their chosen industry.

Advantages:

- Gain experience and hours that relate to YOUR goals and interests.
- Customize YOUR secondary school education to suit YOUR interests and talents.
- Develop specialized knowledge and skills.
- Earn credits that post-secondary educational institutions AND the sector recognize.
- Gain sector-recognized certification and career-relevant training.
- Develop essential entrepreneurial skills and work habits documented through specialized training.
- Identify, explore and refine career goals and make informed decisions about YOUR future.
- Remain flexible, with the option to shift between pathways, should YOUR goals and plans change.
- Open opportunities for additional post-secondary bursaries and scholarships



WDCS offers 3 of the available sectors:

Health and Wellness, Agriculture
and Information and Communication Technology [ICT].

For information on SHSM visit
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*Speak to your Guidance department
to find out if SHSM is for you!*