

What is a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?

An SHSM allows students to customize their high school experience to fit career interests. Offered in grade 11 and 12, an SHSM allows students to receive a specialized high school diploma that is recognized in various economic sectors in all four pathways.

What does an SHSM look like?

An SHSM is a bundle of 8 to 10 grade 11 and grade 12 credits 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 employment success



Student Success
 A Grand Erie Program

Grand Erie...

More Programs, More Choices

Specialist High Skills Major

The Construction Program Homebuilding Focus

Waterford District High School

The Construction Specialist High Skills Major allows students to develop valuable skills and knowledge, gain additional insight into post-secondary destinations, and obtain certifications to ensure they are ready for a career in the construction industry.

"Everybody's worried about getting a job, but this program takes a lot of that fear away."
 WDHS Student

Benefits of the Construction Program:

- Double construction credits in grade 11 and 12
- Co-op placement in the construction industry
- Industry-recognized certifications (CPR, First Aid, Fall Arrest, Health & Safety, etc.)
- Exposure to various trades involved in the construction industry
- Real world opportunities



Learn more information about Specialist High Skills Majors, visit www.granderie.ca

