



## What is a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?

An SHSM allows students to customize their secondary school experience to fit career interests.

Offered in Grade 11 and 12, an SHSM allows students to receive a specialized secondary 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



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## SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

### THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM HAIR/ESTHETICS FOCUS

#### TOLLGATE TECHNICAL SKILLS CENTRE

The Hairstyling/Esthetics SHSM falls under the Health and Wellness sector. This program gives students life-long personal skills for healthy living and career explorations in the Beauty and Health industry.

“The Health and Wellness SHSM has been an awesome experience. All of the training and knowledge helped me not only at school but in my workplace and everyday life. Attending the educational trips taught me new skills and techniques and showed me different career choices.”

**Rikki-Lynn Hoffman-Stinson**

#### Benefits of the Health and Wellness Program:

- Up-to-date techniques in the beauty industry
- Free First Aid, CPR, and WHMIS and elective certifications
- Community involvement through schools, health care, community groups
- Co-op placements at reputable salons within the community
- Explore career pathways through media, guest speakers, and Reach-ahead Opportunities

### CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY CARPENTRY & WOODWORKING FOCUS

#### TOLLGATE TECHNICAL SKILLS CENTRE

This is a Construction/Woodworking program with an emphasis on essential and employable skills. Students have access to a wide range of senior level courses stretching across all aspects of the Construction industry.

“I am thrilled to have finally found a field that interests me. I am hoping that my training will lead to a full-time job in this industry.”

**Nick Boyington (Grade 12 Student)**

#### Benefits of the Construction Technology Program:

- Students receive training in: Ladder Safety, Fall Protection, WHMIS, CPR, First Aid, and Forklift Training
- Students can take a focus course in general carpentry/woodworking, green industries/horticulture, manufacturing, and/or masonry
- Students learn all stages of construction fundamentals and fine furniture making
- Co-ops are available for students looking to pursue an apprenticeship and a potential career in the construction/woodworking industry



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