



What is a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?

An SHSM is a program offered in Grade 11 and 12 to students in all four pathways. The program enables students to focus their high school education on their career interests. Students who complete their SHSM will graduate with a specialized high school Diploma that is sector recognized

What does an SHSM look like?

A SHSM is a bundle of up to 10 credits in Grade 11 and 12 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 future employment success



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SOAR Sports – Performance Focus

Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School

The Pauline Johnson Collegiate SOAR Sports SHSM is designed for students who have a passion for sports, fitness, and recreation. This program is designed to allow students to experience jobs in the sports industry, while being given opportunity to acquire certifications that are relevant to them as athletes.

"When I first got to PJI was relatively small and was not out-performing anyone in hockey and track and field. Now I have pushed myself to become stronger and faster and I feel I have achieved this through the SOAR Sports SHSM program." - Toren Burr, Grade 11

Benefits of the Arts and Culture Program:

- Certifications include: CPR/AED, Standard First Aid, WHMIS and other sport-specific certifications (Wrapping and Taping, Officiating)
- Opportunities to visit post-secondary institutions and training facilities, experiential learning and career exploration activities, relevant field trips and guest industry professionals
- Develop leadership and teamwork skills
- Exposure to careers in sports and fitness related industries

