



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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Specialist High Skills Major



The Environmental Leadership and Sustainability Program Management Focus

Paris District High School

The Environmental Sustainability and Leadership program gives students an opportunity to specialize, gain qualifications, and plan a career pathway in various areas of the Environmental sector, while learning hands-on.

"The opportunities I have had in SHSM have changed my life. I realized I loved working outdoors and wanted to find a career that would let me do that. I now go to college in the Forestry Technician program, and I love it. I am using lots of skills I learned in SHSM and I totally recommend SHSM to anyone who likes the Environment." PDHS graduate

Benefits of the Environmental Sustainability Program:

- Receive certifications from industry leaders in Habitat Restoration, Watershed Management, First Aid/CPR, GPS use, canoeing ORKA Level 1, and more
- Visits to Guelph University, Algonquin Park and other highlights of green industry expand understanding of the wealth of occupations attached to the "Environment"
- Co-op placements include working at a Nature Center, assisting with sustainable farming, research and technical support with partners like Brant County Power, and assisting with environmental projects
- Make connections that may support future career goals

