



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

ECO Education Environment, Conservation and Outdoor Education Focus

Waterford District High School

The ECO education program allows students to gain experience, earn certifications and expand their knowledge on environmental and conservation issues. Students have the opportunity to explore different career pathways and are introduced to various community partners in the environment sector.

"I loved all of the hands on activities that we have done with the Grand River Conservation Authority, like habitat restoration and GPS navigation. I also liked riding bikes down to the ponds, testing water, and spending time outdoors. It really made me appreciate nature in a new way." ~SHSM participant

The Environmental SHSM has many benefits

- Environmental learning: customize your schedule to select from classes that examine environmental and conservation topics in a variety of subject areas
- Get outdoors: explore local ecosystems, participate in habitat restoration projects and experience hands-on outdoor learning
- Industry-recognized, sector-specific certifications: eight (8) certifications including Species Identification, GPS Navigation, CPR/First Aid, and Pleasure Craft Operator Card
- Look ahead to your future: gain experiential learning and career exploration through a Co-op placement and explore post-secondary opportunities in the environment sector

