



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 Health and Wellness Program Wellness Focus

Waterford District High School

The Health and Wellness program allows students to focus their learning on an array of health fields through a combination of classroom and hands-on learning. Students have the opportunity to use professional technology in their respective discipline, enabling them to be prepared citizens for the Health and Wellness sector.

"This SHSM opened my eyes up to interesting careers I never knew existed and made me consider different options for my future." Paige Deschamps (Grade 12 student)

Benefits of the Health and Wellness Program:

- Seven industry-recognized certifications (safe-food handling, CPR, AED)
- Gain health related work experience to apply to your resume
- Participate in unique field trips like "Discovery Days" put on by Industry Associations
- Discover emerging health and wellness careers through field trips and guest speakers

