



WHAT IS A SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR (SHSM)?

An SHSM allows students to customize their high school experience to fit career interests. Offered in grade 11 and 12, an SHSM allows students to receive a specialized high 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



Student Success
A Grand Erie Program

Grand Erie... *SUCCESS* for Every Student

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR



THE HOSPITALITY & TOURISM PROGRAM

PAULINE JOHNSON COLLEGIATE & VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Hospitality and Tourism SHSM allows students to experience hands-on learning activities in the Fine Dining, Culinary, Restaurant, Cafeteria, Baking, Hospitality and Tourism sectors based in a professional kitchen, restaurant and cafeteria setting that will assist in their transition from secondary to any post-secondary pathway.

"It's great to learn transferable skills, it's more hands-on than sitting in classes, cooking for the school, and the Bistro it's like working in a real restaurant."

Britany Bailey

"It's great to learn different cooking methods and techniques – our equipment is state-of-the-art! This will serve me well at culinary school."

Nolan Finch

Benefits of the Hospitality & Tourism Program:

- Build a set of transferable skills to help choose a pathway into a post-secondary or apprenticeship within the Hospitality & Tourism Sector.
- Gain industry-recognized certification in first aid, CPR, hazardous materials (WHMIS), customer service, basic tourism service and food handlers certification.
- Two co-operative education credits to gain workplace experience that enables students to refine, extend and practice sector-specific knowledge and skills (also available; 3 co-operative education credits and 4 co-operative education credits) preferably in Grade 12.
- Experiential learning, career exploration and reach-ahead activities within the sector (field trips).
- Could earn 2 or 4 college credits for free by taking advantage of the Dual Credit program with our partner Conestoga College.

