



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 Construction Program Woodworking Focus

Cayuga Secondary School

This is a Construction/Woodworking program with an emphasis on essential and employable skills. Students have access to a wide range of senior level courses stretching across all aspects of the Construction industry.

"I didn't really know what I wanted to do until I learned about apprenticeships and the Construction SHSM. I was able to get a co-op with the training I learned in class and now I'm enrolled in a college cabinet making program and working part time at a Cabinet Making Shop."
CSS Student

Benefits of the Construction Program:

- Students receive training in: Ladder Safety, Fall Protection, Chain Saw Safety, WHMIS, CPR, First Aid, Fork Lift Training, and Propane Safety
- Students can take a focus course in electrical, sheet metal, and plumbing
- Students learn all stages of the lumber milling process, including the safe use of an actual lumber mill
- Co-ops are available for students looking to pursue an apprenticeship and a potential career in the construction/woodworking industry

