



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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The Hospitality and Tourism Program Culinary Arts Focus

McKinnon Park Secondary School

Practically-based, the Hospitality and Tourism SHSM focuses on the French culinary arts. The double-credit program puts students in the restaurant setting serving tables, cooking, money handling and learning customer service.

"It's been a great program. With new equipment, like a smoker, I've learned new techniques in cooking. It's fun to experiment with different foods and cooking methods. I'm excited to pursue a career in culinary after high school." - Clara Garrow (Grade 11 student)

Benefits of the Hospitality and Tourism Program:

- Learn life skills
- Increase self-confidence
- Make students employable after building work experience in the field
- Learn life knowledge (media propaganda, new foods, nutritional information)
- Learn how to problem solve

