

SHSM Newsletter

Specialist High Skills Major Focus

SHSM Programs

4 SHSM Programs Offered in Sarnia

The SHSM is a Ministry approved program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

These programs enable students to gain sector specific skills and knowledge in engaging career related learning environments and prepare in a focused way for graduation and post-secondary education, training or employment.

St Christopher High School offers SHSM programs in Arts and Culture, Information and Communication Technology and Health and Wellness and St. Patrick's offers SHSM programs in Construction and Health and Wellness.

If you are considering a career in any one of these 4

economic sectors consider registering in the SHSM program.

Registration is done through an application process with either your Guidance Counselor or with the SHSM program lead. You must be committed to complete the required High School courses that support the major subject component of your SHSM program.

The benefits of registering include reach ahead activities such as: College or University classroom tours or Dual Credit College courses; Sector specific certifications such as stage lighting, electrical safety, graphic arts, group dynamics; Experiential Learning opportunities such as a Trade Show, job shadowing or participating in a regional Ontario Skills competition.

Co-operative Education is also a major component of the SHSM program. Through this practical work experience you will gain valuable work related skills in the area of your choice—and you may be eligible to attend a College Dual Credit course. Through co-op you can be signed as an apprentice through the youth apprentice program (OYAP).



Arts and Culture
Construction
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION
Health and Wellness

Special points of interest:

- Reach Ahead—Dual Credit Opportunity
- Experiential Learning Opportunity
- Sector Specific Certifications
- Ontario Skills Passport
- Co-Op Experience and OYAP
- First Aid, CPR and WHMIS training

What courses do I have to take?

Each of the Specialist High Skills Major programs come with a pathway chart that explains which major subject courses are required for your SHSM. Your guidance Counselor or the SHSM School Lead teacher will have this chart. Although the 4 major subject courses are different for each SHSM

program (Arts for the Arts and Culture, Health classes for Health and Wellness, Tech classes for Construction and Information and Communication Technology SHSM) each also requires the English, Math and Religion classes you are already taking.

Your next step is to look for the posters or listen for announcements regarding informational meetings being held to give you more details about the SHSM that interests you.

Feel free to contact any Guidance, Co-Op or School Lead teacher for more details on this exciting program.