

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



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Specialist High Skills Major

The Hospitality and Tourism Program Cooking/Restaurant Focus

Tollgate Technical Skills Centre

The Hospitality and Tourism SHSM allows students to experience learning activities in the Hospitality and Tourism Sector based in a professional kitchen environment and restaurant setting that will assist in their transition from secondary to any post-secondary pathway.

"I like the hands-on approach to learning more than paperwork. I wanted to get into a career in culinary after people told me I was good at cooking. I enjoy working with large cuts of meat, like prime rib because it's more of a challenge."

Lina Spiece (Grade 12 student)

Benefits of the Hospitality and Tourism Program:

- Build a foundation of sector-focused knowledge and skills to assist with their pathway
- Participate in sector recognized training and certification in Safe Food Handler, Smart Serve, CPR, Standard First Aid, WHMIS and Restaurant Service
- Experiential Learning opportunities
- Sector supported senior English, Math, Science and/or Business Courses



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