



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 Transportation Program, Automotive Service Focus

Cayuga Secondary School

Students in the Transportation SHSM learn the fundamentals of vehicle systems, safe and proper tool use and develop practical skills for the service and repair of vehicles.

*"I enjoy working on cars and I've had a long-time interest in parts merchandising. While in co-op, I learned a lot of different aspects about the job and want to continue with it after I graduate."
Tressia Sommer (Grade 12)*

Benefits of the Transportation Program:

- A focused approach to a career pathway
- Three senior credits (English, Math, and Science or Business) with units contextualized to the transportation industry
- A chance to work in the trade and apply skills and knowledge in a Co-operative work placement (two credits)
- Trade related certifications such as First Aid, CPR, WHMIS, Propane Handling, Lockout/tagging, customer service, and more, paid for by the SHSM program

"Working on cars in the Transportation Program has shown me that I do want to be a mechanic once I graduate high school." Calvin Sanderson (Grade 12)

