



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



Student Success
A Grand Erie Program

Grand Erie... *SUCCESS* for Every Student

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR



SOAR SPORTS – PERFORMANCE FOCUS

PAULINE JOHNSON COLLEGIATE & VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

The Pauline Johnson Collegiate SOAR Sports SHSM is designed for students who have a passion for sports, fitness, and recreation. This program is designed to allow students to experience jobs in the sports industry, while being given opportunity to acquire certifications that are relevant to them as athletes.

“When I first got to PJ I was relatively small and was not out-performing anyone in hockey and track and field. Now I have pushed myself to become stronger and faster and I feel I have achieved this through the SOAR Sports SHSM program.”

Toren Burr, Grade 11

Benefits of the SOAR Sports – Performance Focus Program:

- Certifications include: CPR/AED, Standard First Aid, WHMIS and other sports-specific certifications (Wrapping and Taping, Officiating)
- Opportunities to visit post-secondary institutions and training facilities, experiential learning and career exploration activities, relevant field trips and guest industry professionals
- Develop leadership and teamwork skills
- Exposure to careers in sports- and fitness-related industries

