



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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Grand Erie... *SUCCESS* for Every Student

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR



THE HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM PROGRAM CULINARY ARTS FOCUS

TOLLGATE TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS CENTRE

The Hospitality and Tourism High Skills Major at HSS has a culinary arts focus where students are involved in food preparation courses, catering and a school based Cafeteria program.

“If it wasn’t for the SHSM program in high school, I never would have been prepared for college or the workforce. The co-op department helped me get my foot in the door of the culinary industry. I met new people and had many new experiences.”

Amanda Lickers

Benefits of the Hospitality & 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

