

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR



ALGONQUIN & LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DSB

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a ministry-approved program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. SHSM assists students in their transition from secondary school to apprenticeship training, college, university, or the workplace.

Student Registration Form

What is SHSM?

SHSM programs allow students to customize their high school experience and better prepare for graduation and beyond. This career-focused program is designed to bundle courses, related workplace experience, and certifications and training. Every SHSM program includes the following components:

- 4 credits in grade 11 and 12 courses that provide sector-specific knowledge and skills;
- 2 credits in Cooperative Education related to the sector;
- 1 credit in another grade 11 or 12 subject related to the sector;
- 6 or 7 sector-recognized certifications or training courses/programs, such as First Aid, CPR and WHMIS;
- Experiential learning and career exploration activities within the sector;
- Reach ahead experiences connected with students' postsecondary pathways;
- Sector-partnered experiences, such as Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE) training or mathematical literacy or coding activities.

To learn more, please visit www.alcddb.on.ca/programs/SHSM

Student Information

First name:	Last name:
Cell phone number:	Home phone number:
E-mail address:	
Date of birth:	Current grade: 10 11 12

Program Choice

Sector

In what sector do you plan to specialize?

Arts & Culture
Construction

Hospitality & Tourism
Non-profit

Sports
Transportation

Identify the major credits you plan to take in

Grade 11: _____

Grade 12: _____

Pathway

What postsecondary destination are you considering? *(please check one)*

Apprenticeship

College

University

Workplace

Co-op Placement

In order of preference, what specific jobs/careers in the sector interest you?

I plan to take co-op in

Grade 11

Grade 12

The future is yours

Intent to Participate

By signing below, I acknowledge the following:

- Participation in the SHSM program does not commit a student to a career in the area of specialization but will provide a well-rounded experience which emphasizes the chosen sector. The SHSM program exists to help students identify, explore and refine their goals, allowing them to discover what they like (and just as importantly, what they don't like) about a possible career path. Students can opt out of the program at any time if their goals or plans change, without any negative impact on their records or prospects for graduation.
- The cost of completing the requirements – including certification training and field trips for experiential learning, career exploration, reach ahead, and sector-partner activities – will be covered by the SHSM program. Some additional optional activities may be available for a nominal cost. A deposit to reserve a space in a training workshop may be required but will be refunded upon the student's participation in the training.
- Some components of the program may occur outside of courses or the school day, but ample notice will be provided. Considerable time and expense are incurred in arranging these opportunities and it is important that students recognize the commitment required; it is imperative that students make every effort to attend SHSM activities.
- Certifications acquired outside of the program may be recognized for SHSM purposes; documentation should be presented to the student's guidance counsellor.
- In order to receive a special SHSM diploma, a student must complete all of the program requirements. Students should plan their grade 11 and 12 courses with these requirements in mind using their *myBlueprint* High School Planner.
- The SHSM diploma can only be granted in the student's graduating year, but a returning graduate's subsequent completion of the requirements will be recognized on the student's SHSM Record and Ontario Student Transcript.
- Students who do not complete all the requirements will still benefit from the certification training, field trips and other learning experiences in their grade 11 year. Students who do not have a plan to complete their credit requirements by the beginning of grade 12 will receive a SHSM Record of their achievements and will be withdrawn.

I understand the requirements of the SHSM program and am committed to working towards a special SHSM diploma by completing these requirements. I may change my destination pathway or withdraw from the program by notifying the SHSM lead teacher and my Guidance counsellor.

Student's signature: _____

Date: _____

Congratulations...the future is yours!

For School Use

Received and reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

Recorded in Aspen by: _____ Date: _____

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