



What is a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?

Students explore a career path that matches their skills, interests and talents while earning a Specialist Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

Who is it for?

Grade 11 and 12 students can upgrade their OSSD while they try out a sector that interests them and see if it is the direction they want to take.

What are the key benefits of SHSM?

- Build Relevant Industry skills
- Industry Recognized Certifications at no cost
- Authentic Experiential Learning with Industry partners
- Reach Ahead Opportunities (*Dual Credit, OYAP*)
- Innovation, Creativity, Entrepreneurship Opportunities
- Receive recognition for your accomplishments

What SHSM sectors are offered in the OCDSB?

There are currently 45 programs across 13 SHSM sectors offered at OCDSB schools. From Business to Construction to Health & Wellness - we have the programs you want!

What is the registration process?

Students who wish to enroll in a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program can do so through [Xello](#). Please contact your Guidance Counsellor for help with registration.

To learn more visit ocdsb.ca/shsm

For a list of OCDSB SHSM Programs see table below



OCDSB SHSM PROGRAMS — BY SCHOOL

SCHOOL	SECTOR	PROGRAM
Brookfield High School	Health & Wellness	Personal Fitness & Nutrition
	Non-Profit	Community & International Development
Cairine Wilson Secondary School	Environment	Environmental Science with Global and Indigenous Lenses
Canterbury High School	Arts and Culture	Performing Arts and Theatre Production
	Business	Entrepreneurship/Marketing
Colonel By Secondary School	Arts and Culture	Digital & Media Production
Earl of March Secondary School	Business	Entrepreneurship
	Manufacturing	Product and Design
Elizabeth Wynn Wood Secondary Alternate	Construction	Construction Projects/ Housebuilding
Frederick Banting Secondary Alternate	Arts and Culture	Urban Art & Culture
Glebe Collegiate Institute	Non-Profit	Social Justice
Gloucester High School	Arts and Culture	Youth Voices: Aboriginal & Other Cultures
	Construction	Construction Trades
	Sports	High Performance Sports
	Transportation	Automotive Repair
Hillcrest High School	Arts and Culture	School through a Creative Lens
	Environment	Environment through Indigenous Lens
Lisgar Collegiate Institute	Hospitality & Tourism	Food Preparation & Event Coordination
Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School	Hospitality & Tourism	Longfields Culinary Arts Program (L.CAP)
Merivale High School	Arts and Culture	Communication and Design
Nepean High School	Environment	Green learning
Norman Johnston Alternate	Health & Wellness	Lifestyle Balance
Osgoode Township High School	Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services	Emergency Services
	Transportation	Vehicle components & Design

SCHOOL	SECTOR	PROGRAM
Ottawa Technical Secondary School	Hospitality & Tourism	Baking and Culinary Arts
Ridgemont High School	Arts and Culture	Design and Creation with Sustainability in Mind
Sir Guy Carleton Secondary School	Horticulture & Landscaping	Urban Farming
	Hospitality & Tourism	Advanced Culinary Education (ACE)
	Transportation	Advanced Program in Automotive Repair
Sir Robert Borden High School	Construction	Architecture/ Interior Design
	Health & Wellness	Nutrition & Human Performance
	Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services	911 Specialist
Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School	Arts and Culture	Television Production and Filmmaking
	Construction	Construction Projects
	Information and Communications Technology	Broadcasting/Digital Media
South Carleton High School	Construction	Construction Projects/ Housebuilding
	Health & Wellness	Community Support Services
	Information and Communications Technology	Digital Photography, Media and Imaging
	Manufacturing	Fabrication
	Transportation	Automotive Repair and Service Specialist
	Hospitality & Tourism	Hospitality Eco Adventure Tourism (HEAT)
West Carleton Secondary School	Construction	Construction Projects/ Housebuilding
	Information and Communications Technology	Computer Science, Engineering, and Digital Media
Woodroffe High School	Hospitality & Tourism	Sustainable Ecotourism
	Sports	Sports Performance

OCDSB SHSM PROGRAMS — BY SECTOR

Sector	Program	School
Arts and Culture	Communication and Design	Merivale High School
	Design and Creation with Sustainability in Mind	Ridgemont High School
	Digital & Media Production	Colonel By Secondary School
	Performing Arts and Theatre Production	Canterbury High School
	School through a Creative Lens	Hillcrest High School
	Television Production and Filmmaking	Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School
	Urban Art & Culture	Frederick Banting Secondary Alternate
	Youth Voices: Aboriginal & Other Cultures	Gloucester High School
Business	Entrepreneurship	Earl of March Secondary School
	Entrepreneurship/Marketing	Canterbury High School
Construction	Architecture/ Interior Design	Sir Robert Borden High School
	Construction Projects	Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School
	Construction Projects/ Housebuilding	Elizabeth Wynn Wood Secondary Alternate
	Construction Projects/ Housebuilding	South Carleton High School
	Construction Projects/ Housebuilding	West Carleton Secondary School
	Construction Trades	Gloucester High School
Environment	Environment through Indigenous Lens	Hillcrest High School
	Environmental Science with Global and Indigenous Lenses	Cairine Wilson Secondary School
	Green learning	Nepean High School
Health & Wellness	Community Support Services	South Carleton High School
	Lifestyle Balance	Norman Johnston Alternate
	Nutrition & Human Performance	Sir Robert Borden High School
	Personal Fitness & Nutrition	Brookfield High School
Horticulture & Landscaping	Urban Farming	Sir Guy Carleton Secondary School

Hospitality & Tourism	Advanced Culinary Education (ACE)	Sir Guy Carleton Secondary School
	Baking and Culinary Arts	Ottawa Technical Secondary School
	Food Preparation & Event Coordination	Lisgar Collegiate Institute
	Hospitality Eco Adventure Tourism (HEAT)	South Carleton High School
	Longfields Culinary Arts Program (L.CAP)	Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School
	Sustainable Ecotourism	Woodroffe High School
Information and Communications Technology	Broadcasting/Digital Media	Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School
	Computer Science, Engineering, and Digital Media	West Carleton Secondary School
	Digital Photography, Media and Imaging	South Carleton High School
Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services	911 Specialist	Sir Robert Borden High School
	Emergency Services	Osgoode Township High School
Manufacturing	Fabrication	South Carleton High School
	Product and Design	Earl of March Secondary School
Non-Profit	Community & International Development	Brookfield High School
	Social Justice	Glebe Collegiate Institute
Sports	High Performance Sports	Gloucester High School
	Sports Performance	Woodroffe High School
Transportation	Advanced Program in Automotive Repair	Sir Guy Carleton Secondary School
	Automotive Repair	Gloucester High School
	Automotive Repair and Service Specialist	South Carleton High School
	Vehicle components & Design	Osgoode Township High School