

**SH** SPECIALIST  
**SM** HIGH SKILLS  
MAJOR

YOUR SKILLS,  
YOUR FUTURE.

JUSTICE,  
COMMUNITY SAFETY  
& EMERGENCY  
SERVICES



OTTAWA-CARLETON  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# CREDITS

## Course Package

Each SHSM program offers students a bundle of 8 - 10 credits. These courses are regular Ontario secondary school courses that allow students to work towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, but have been bundled as the most relevant courses to prepare students for a future in the Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services sector.

Two credits in this bundle include Cooperative Education where students pursue a work placement in a field of interest.

## Achievements in the Program

- **Certifications and Awareness Training:** Students complete selected sector-recognized certifications related to the major
- **Experiential Learning Opportunities:**
  - > Have the opportunity to job-shadow industry professionals
  - > Complete 2 Cooperative Education credits and get work experience in the Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services sector
  - > See guest speakers, go on field trips to explore careers in Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services
- Gain a **Sector Partnered Experiences (SPE)** component that includes one of the following options: Innovation Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE) training; sector-delivered coding; or, sector-delivered mathematical literacy. The SPE will require a 6 hour activity, delivered with a sector partner and have an experiential and an assessment component
- **Reach Ahead Experiences:** Explore the field and postsecondary education opportunities in the Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services sector
- Completing the SHSM program prepares students for their pathway to **apprenticeship, college, university or work**



### The bundle includes:

- **4 “major” credits** in courses related to Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services in grade 11 and 12
- **Supporting credits:**
  - > 1 Grade 12 English credit
  - > 1 Grade 11 Math credit
  - > 2 Cooperative Education credits to experience life in the Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services sector



## THE EXPERIENCE

**Students in the Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services Specialist High Skills Major program will:**

- Gain an understanding of emergency management, the Canadian legal system, psychology and its importance in human relationships
- Develop transferable skills such as leadership, project management, self-defence and other relevant skills
- Participate in opportunities to explore authentic postsecondary education in their chosen pathways
- Network with industry professionals in legal/community safety services, corrections, fire service, law enforcement, paramedic medical services and military services



Provincial and national events such as devastating ice storms, wildfires, terrorist acts, tornadoes and vehicle accidents have raised public and government recognition of the vital role of Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services in ensuring the safety of Ontarians. Ontario now has some of the most rigorous community safety legislation in North America and since 9/11, governments, NGOs, and private enterprise have all greatly enhanced their efforts to ensure the public's safety and security.



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For more information on the Specialist High Skills Major Justice, Community Safety and Emergency Services program, contact your school guidance counsellor, SHSM board lead or visit [OCDSB.ca/SHSM](https://ocdsb.ca/shsm)

