SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

SHSM

WATERLOO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SHSM AT SMH – What's NEW?

- Sign-up for a **SHSM Red Seal - FORM**
- **SPE** – ***S****ector-****P****artnered* ***E****xperiences* – **FORM**
- Sign-up for **certifications** – **ONLINE TRAINING**
- Interested in Changing your Major - **FORM**
- View upcoming **CERTIFICATION TRIPS**
- WCDSB **SHSM Grad Award** - applications can be email to **Christine.Byrne@wcdsb.ca**

WHAT IS SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR?

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a Ministry approved program that encourages students to focus their education on a specific employment sector. During grade 11 and grade 12, students who have signed up for SHSM will be involved in several activities that will help lead them to earning a Red Seal on their diploma.

ST. MARY'S OFFERS THE FOLLOWING MAJORS:

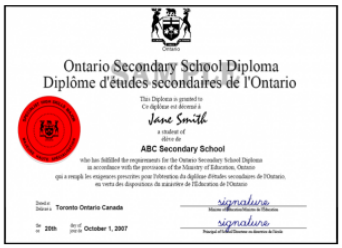
Arts & Culture	Business	Construction
Energy	Health & Wellness	Hospitality & Tourism
Information & Communications Technology	Justice & Community Safety	
Manufacturing, Engineering & Robotics	Sports	Transportation
Non Profit, Education & Childcare		

Students involved in the program will need to follow through on SHSM Expectations before they graduate. It's as easy as *1, 2, 3*...:

1. Take the COURSES needed to complete their Major
2. Sign up for a 2 credit **CO-OP**
3. Plan and attend Industry-recognized CERTIFICATIONS related to their Major.

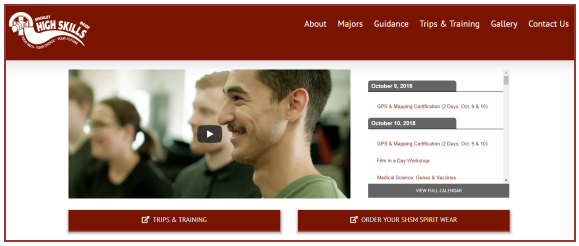
WHY GET INVOLVED?

No matter whether you plan to go to work, apprenticeship, or college/university you can earn a SHSM. Students who successfully complete all components of the program earn a Specialist High **Skills Major** (**Red Seal**) designation on their Diploma. This symbol lets employers and post secondary education know that you have knowledge, skills, and industry-recognized qualifications related to a particular career field.



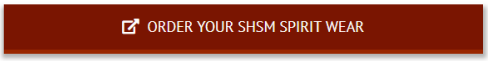
For more information about **Specialist High Skills Major**, visit the **SHSM website** or see your Guidance Counselor or the SHSM school lead - Mrs Byrne.

Check out **highskills.ca** for lists of majors, course details and calendar of upcoming certifications.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Universities and Colleges are starting to recognize the SHSM Red Seal by offering **scholarships**.
- Students can earn certifications on their own time: First Aid Training and CPR, WHMIS, Infection Control, Boating License – check the list of **Trips and Training** for the Major to see what choices are available.
- Once a student completes 50% of both their courses and certifications, they can sign up to receive a **FREE SHSM T-SHIRT!** Plus! Once at 100%, they can sign up to receive a **FREE SHSM SWEATSHIRT!** **SHSM Spiritwear at highskills.ca**
- Check your Progress Reports to see how far along you are to obtain your spirit wear!
- Email Updates – SHSM updates and reminders will be sent to Parent/Guardian's of all SHSM students who have updated email information in the Main Office.



QUESTIONS? NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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