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Specialist High Skills Major Program

CONSTRUCTION



what

CONSTRUCTION Specialist High Skills Major

A Specialist High Skills Major is a ministry approved specialized program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector Construction, while meeting the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. This program assists in their transition from secondary school to apprenticeship training, college, university, or the workplace. An SHSM enables students to gain sector-specific skills and knowledge in the context of engaging, career-related learning environments and helps them focus on graduation and on pursuing their postsecondary goals.

The SHSM–Construction enables students to build a foundation of sector-focused knowledge and skills before graduating and entering apprenticeship training, college, university, or an entry-level position in the workplace. Depending on local circumstances, this SHSM may be designed to have a particular focus.



What do the students who successfully complete the Specialist High Skills Major Program receive?

- An Ontario Secondary Diploma with an embossed SHSM red seal
- An SHSM Record documenting his/her achievement
- Formal recognition on his/her Ontario Student Transcript
- Industry recognized certifications

SHSM Certifications provide students with an advantage when entering the workforce, regardless of their chosen career.

Photo by DSBN Alumni Kevin Unger



What specific credits do students need to successfully complete to earn an **CONSTRUCTION SHSM** designation?

BUNDLE OF TEN (10) GRADE 11 AND 12 CREDITS				
Credits	Apprenticeship Training Grades 11 -12	College Grades 11 -12	University Grades 11 -12	Workplace Grades 11 -12
Major Credits One credit may be substituted with a cooperative education credit (additional to the 2 required co-op credits)	4 Including at least one Gr. 11 and one Gr. 12 credit	4 Including at least one Gr. 11 and one Gr. 12 credit	4 Including at least one Gr. 11 and one Gr. 12 credit	4 Including at least one Gr. 11 and one Gr. 12 credit
English	1	1	1	2 One credit must be in Gr. 12
Mathematics	2 One credit must be in Gr. 12	2 One credit must be in Gr. 12	2 One credit must be in Gr. 12	1
Business Studies or Science - including a CLA. May be substituted with 1 coop education credit (additional to the 2 required co-op credits)	1	1	1	1
Coop Education	2	2	2	2
Total Credits	10	10	10	10

The Benefits of an SHSM Designation are Endless

Students refine their skills and improve their work habits, gain confidence in their ability to succeed and see the connections between their studies, the world beyond high school and their future careers. Students experience a range of customized, career-focused learning opportunities that provide authentic learning experiences which outlines their achievements in a workplace setting. The focused learning experiences give students the opportunity to explore, identify, and refine their career goals and make informed decisions related to postsecondary education.



How do I get more information about the **Construction Specialist High Skills Major?**

For more specific information, please speak with your Program Leader for Construction or Guidance, or visit DSBN.org/SHSM

Certifications

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3 Specialized
Bundle of
Eight Senior
Credits

2 Experiential
Learning

5 Reach
Ahead

4 (SPCE)
Sector-
Partnered
Contextualized
Experience



(SPCE) These are co-delivered by teachers and a sector partner and involve activities related to Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE), Coding or Math Literacy. One or more SPCE's must be completed by the time of graduation to be eligible for the SHSM Red Seal. These Essential Skills are transferable from school to work, job to job, and sector to sector.

For more information visit DSBN.org/SHSM



Focus Your Learning on Your Interests and Passions

**Earn Industry Recognized Certifications
Post-Secondary Opportunities**

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1 Certifications

- WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System
- CPR - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation with AED
- Standard First Aid
- Plus THREE more!



2 Experiential Learning

- Guest Speakers Currently Working in Industry
- Tours of Industry Hot Spots
- Trips - Overnight and Day Trips
- Co-op Placements

3 Specialized Bundle of 8 Senior Credits

- *Four (4) Major Credits
- One (1) Senior English
- Two (2) Co-op Credits
- *One (1) Business Studies or Canadian and World Studies or Additional Cooperative Education Credit
- * An additional sector-related Co-operative Education credit may be used to substitute one credit in this requirement

4 Sector-Partnered Contextualized Experience (SPCE)

- Making Decisions Using Appropriate Information
- The Collection and Analysis of Data
- Planning and Organization of Work
- Sector Related Coding Challenges
- Innovative Creative Entrepreneurship

5 Reach Ahead

- Conferences and Workshops
- Completing Dual Credit Course
- Attending College/University Classes



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SHSM Major Credits - (4) Required

Grade 11

SPH3U	Physics
TCJ3C	Construction Engineering
TDJ3M	Technological Design
TMj3C	Manufacturing/Welding Technology
TTJ3C	Transportation/Automotive Technology

Grade 12

SPH4C/U	Physics
TCJ4C	Construction Engineering Technology
TDJ4M	Technology Design
TMJ4C	Manufacturing/Welding Technology
TTJ4C	Transportation/Automotive Technology

Grade 12 English Credit - (1) Required

ENG4C English ENG4U English ENG4E English

Other Required Credit

BAF3M	Financial Accounting Fundamentals
BAT4M	Financial Accounting Principles
BDI3C	Entrepreneurship: The Venture
BDV4C	Entrepreneurship: Venture Planning in an Electronic Age
BOH4M	Business Leadership Management Fundamentals
BTA3O	Information & Communication Technology: The Digital Environment
BTX4C	Computer Applications
ICS3U	Computer Science
ICS4U	Computer Science
SBI3C/U	Biology
SBI4U	Biology
SCH3U	Chemistry
SCH4C/U	Chemistry
SPH3U	Physics
SPH4C/U	Physics



Cooperative Education - (2) Required in the SHSM related field



'Reach Ahead' Experiences

Students pursuing an SHSM must have opportunities for Reach Ahead experiences connected with their postsecondary plans.

What are Reach Ahead experiences?

Reach Ahead experiences are learning experiences connected with the student's postsecondary pathway in the Construction sector.

Reach Ahead experiences can range from visiting a college to investigate the program a student is considering, to sitting in on university classes in a student's field of interest, interviewing an employee in the field of work the SHSM student is considering, to discussing the postsecondary education, training and experiences of someone in the Construction sector.

Experiential Learning

Experiential learning and career exploration activities give students opportunities to explore, observe, participate in, and reflect on a variety of sector-specific experiences and careers. These activities also enable students enrolled in the SHSM to find out about the opportunities available in careers that interest them.

The SHSM experiential learning and career exploration requirement consists of planned learning activities that take place outside the traditional classroom setting. Experiential learning may take a variety of forms, including career exploration activities, job shadowing, job twinning, work experience or virtual work experience.

SHSM Programs allow students to customize their education to suit their interests, talents and future career goals.



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