

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Specialty Programs offered at St. Basil-the-Great College School

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs in Business and Sports offer students an opportunity to acquire knowledge and learn skills necessary for careers in the respective areas. The SHSM programs are available to all students in grades 11 and 12 in any post-secondary pathway – university, college, apprenticeship training or workplace.

Students in the SHSM program will have the opportunity to:

- Customize their education to suit their interests through specialized major credits;
- Earn at least seven industry-recognized certifications, paid for by the Ministry of Education, while earning their diploma (OSSD). Examples of certifications include: Standard First Aid/CPR, WHMIS, AED training, etc.;
- Participate in Reach -Ahead, and Experiential Learning Activities in addition to expanding their knowledge through Co-operative Education;
- Network with post-secondary institutions and businesses in the industry;
- Earn a red seal designation on their diploma outlining their unique skills in the sector;
- Prepare a portfolio required by many employers and post-secondary institutions;
- Maintain flexibility within the program to shift between pathways if their goals and plans change.

Application Process and Completion of Program in High School:

- In grade 10, students express interest and apply to the program during their course selections.
- In grade 11, students begin the program by taking appropriate SHSM courses and earning their sector-recognized certifications.
- In grade 12, students must complete all SHSM requirements to be able to graduate with the OSSD SHSM diploma.

