



SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a ministry-approved program allowing students to focus their learning in a specific economic sector while meeting their requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students can customize their courses to suit their interests and talents while preparing for a sector-specific apprenticeship, college, university, or workplace destination. Students will be required to complete specific subjects in a major focus area and complete industry certification courses. Students can enroll in the program in their senior years after they have completed their grade 10 credit requirements.

Interested students are asked to inform their guidance counsellor and complete an interview and application form.

Banting provides opportunities for students to pursue a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) in:

- 1) Business
- 2) Sports
- 3) Construction

Within each of the sector specific SHSM programs, there are five components to be completed for graduation, at which time students will receive their diploma with the SHSM designation included.

Five components of the SHSM include:

1. A package of Grade 11 and Grade 12 credits which includes: i) 4 major senior credits that provide sector-specific knowledge and skills ii) 3–4 other required senior credits (English and Math) from the Ontario curriculum iii) 2 cooperative education credits that provide authentic learning experiences in a workplace setting
2. Sector-recognized certifications and/or training courses
3. Experiential learning and career exploration activities within the sector
4. “Reach Ahead” experiences connected with the student’s chosen post-secondary

pathway 5. A “Sector-Partnered Experience (SPE)” in one of the following areas: ICE (Innovation, Creativity, Entrepreneurship) training, math literacy, or coding

Specialist High Skills Major – Business

This Specialist High Skill Major program allows students to focus their learning in the Business and/or Computers sectors while meeting their requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students can customize their courses to suit their interests and talents in Business and/or Computers while preparing for their sector-specific apprenticeship, college, university, or workplace destination. Students will be required to complete specific subjects in this major focus area and complete industry certifications. Students must be in grade 11 or 12 to enroll in this program.

Specialist High Skills Major - Sports

This Specialist High Skill Major program allows students to focus their learning in the Sports sector while meeting their requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students can customize their courses to suit their interests and talents in Sports while preparing for their sector specific apprenticeship, college, university, or workplace destination. Students will be required to complete specific subjects in this major focus area and complete industry certifications. Students must be in grade 11 or 12 to enroll in this program.

Specialist High Skills Major – Construction

The Specialist High Skill Major - Construction program enables students to build a foundation of sector-focused knowledge and skills before entering apprenticeship training, college, university, or an entry-level position in the workplace by allowing students to focus their learning in the construction sector while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students will be required to complete specific subjects in this major focus area and complete industry certifications. Students must be in grade 11 or 12 to enroll in this program.

