



# Specialist High Skills Major

## SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR PROGRAM

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program provides students with essential skills and work experience. Students focus their learning on a specific sector while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). When it is time to make a post-secondary choice, students are well-informed and can draw on actual work experience to help them plan next steps.

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board is enhancing our student success strategy and maintaining our commitment to reach every student by providing more choice in innovative, engaging and quality learning opportunities.

## WHY CHOOSE A SHSM?

- Customize your education to suit your interests and talents while meeting the requirements of the OSSD.
- Focus your learning on sector-specific skills and knowledge that are valued by industry and by post-secondary institutions.
- Acquire certifications and trainings that are specific to the chosen sector.
- Prepare yourself to make post-secondary decisions.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

- Step 1 - Discuss your career plans with your parents, teachers and guidance counsellor
- Step 2 - Create a plan for required courses, including a two-credit coop placement
- Step 3 - Complete the registration form and give it to your guidance counsellor

## BHNCDSB OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SHSM PROGRAMS:

### AGRICULTURE

### ARTS AND CULTURE

- Drama Focus
- Visual Arts Focus
- Vocal Music Focus

### BUSINESS

- Business Focus
- Social Justice Focus

### CONSTRUCTION

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Child and Family Focus
- Health Care Focus

### HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

### ICT

- Communications Technology Focus
- Computer Engineering Focus

### MANUFACTURING

### SPORTS

### TRANSPORTATION



For more information about the SHSM program, contact your secondary school Guidance Department at:

- Assumption College - 519-751-2030
- Holy Trinity - 519-429-3600
- St. John's College - 519-759-2318

Please note that not all SHSM courses listed are offered at all schools. Your Guidance Department will share which courses are available at your location.