

What Are My Opportunities?

◆ Exploring ICT Related Fields

Study Information and Communication Technology with a focus on networks, website design, animation, coding, computer game design, graphic design, project management, video production, photography, and business software tools.

◆ Awareness Training

Complete sector recognized certifications: Standard First Aid, CPR Training, WHMIS and 3 electives specific to the ICT sector.

◆ Experiential Learning Opportunities

Complete 2 Cooperative Education credits and get work experience in the ICT sector.

See guest speakers, go on field trips and other workplace experiences to explore careers in ICT.

Document your essential skills and work habits through the Ontario Skills Passport.

◆ Reach Ahead Experiences

Explore the field and post-secondary education opportunities in the ICT sector.



What Are My Opportunities?

- ◆ The SHSM program offers the most relevant courses to prepare students for a future in ICT sector.
- ◆ Completing the SHSM program prepares students for their pathway to apprenticeship, college, university or work.



For more information about the ICT SHSM program go to the Ontario Ministry of Education website ontario.ca/studentsuccess or call Student Services at **Ancaster High School (905) 648-4468**

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ICT SHSM Information and Communication Technology Specialist High Skills Major





What is a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a ministry-approved specialized diploma designation.

The SHSM allows students to focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma .

Students receive the SHSM seal on their diploma when they:

- ◆ complete a specific bundle of 8-10 courses in the student's selected field (4 major ICT credits, 2 English credits, 1 Math credit, 1 other credit)
- ◆ gain important skills on the job with actual employers - cooperative education (2 credits)
- ◆ earn valuable industry certifications including First Aid and CPR qualifications.

The SHSM is designed to help students transition from high school into an apprenticeship, work place, college or university program.

Key Benefits of a Specialist High Skills Major

Pursuing an ICT SHSM helps students to:

- ◆ Customize their secondary school education to suit their interests and talents.
- ◆ Develop specialized knowledge and skills.
- ◆ Earn credits that postsecondary educational institutions and the sector recognize.
- ◆ Gain sector-recognized certification and career-relevant training.
- ◆ Develop essential skills and work habits documented through the Ontario Skills Passport.
- ◆ Identify, explore and refine career goals and make informed decisions about their future.
- ◆ Remain flexible, with the option to shift between pathways, should their goals and plans change.

How is a Specialist High Skills Major recognized?

Students who successfully complete an ICT SHSM receive:

- ◆ an Ontario Secondary School Diploma with an embossed SHSM seal
- ◆ an SHSM Record documenting his/her achievement
- ◆ formal recognition on his/her Ontario Student Transcript.

