**Saltfleet offers**

**3 SHSM Programs:**

* **Construction**
* **Horticulture**
* **Non-Profit** (leading to careers in education, health care, government agencies, arts and culture, non-profit organizations, and non-governmental organizations)

Explore the school website to learn more about potential careers for you that are linked to the different SHSM programs offered at Saltfleet.

**Not seeing something for you?**

There are many different SHSM programs offered at high schools throughout the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board. Talk to your guidance counselor for more information.

**Want more information?**

* **Visit Saltfleet’s website**

[**http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/saltfleet/specialist-high-skills-majors/**](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/saltfleet/specialist-high-skills-majors/)

* **Talk to your guidance counselor**
* **Visit the Ontario Ministry of Education website**

[**http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/morestudentsuccess/SHSM.html**](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/morestudentsuccess/SHSM.html)

This could be on

**your** diploma



**SHSM**

**Specialist High Skills Major**

**What’s the red seal all about?**

* it makes your diploma stand out from the crowd
* it shows employers and post-secondary institutions that you’ve participated in a specialized, career-focussed program

**What is a SHSM?**

A SHSM is a specialized program in which you get to focus on an area of interest while you work towards earning your Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

Completing a SHSM will help you in the postsecondary destination you choose, whether it be apprenticeship training, a college or university program, or the workplace.

**Does a SHSM involve extra work?**

**NO!** However, being part of a SHSM program gives you many opportunities to participate in activities and explore career options. Your high school diploma and your SHSM are completed at the same time.

***You may already qualify*** and be on your way to meeting the requirements of a SHSM.

All credits earned in a SHSM program count toward the completion of a standard Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

**How does it work?**

* you take a bundle of 8 to 10 courses in Grades 11 and 12 including 4 “major” credits in your area of interest
* take English, mathematics, science, or business courses that complement the major credits
* take at least 2 co-op credits in which you will get valuable experience related to your SHSM

**How will you benefit from completing a SHSM?**

* it allows you to **explore your career** goals
* it connects you to potential employers and **possible jobs**
* it helps you get into the postsecondary program of your choice
* it may get you a scholarship or **tuition reduction**
* it allows you to develop essential skills and work habits that employers want
* you get **free training** and certifications like First Aid and CPR