



What is a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)?

An SHSM is a program offered in Grade 11 and 12 to students in all four pathways. The program enables students to focus their high school education on their career interests. Students who complete their SHSM will graduate with a specialized high school Diploma that is sector recognized

What does an SHSM look like?

A SHSM is a bundle of up to 10 credits in Grade 11 and 12 that include two Experiential Learning (Co-op) credits

What do you get by taking an SHSM?

- Sector-recognized certifications and training
- Real workplace experience
- Learning experiences connected with post-secondary opportunities
- Skills and work habits required for future employment success



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The Communication Technology Program Cinema Focus

Simcoe Composite School

The Communication Technology SHSM provides students with a strong foundation for a wide variety of careers in the cinematography industry. Students focus on storyboarding, composition, editing, script writing, filming and directing as well as the process of making a video from start to finish.

"I like that the Communication Technology program allows me to do what I think of with my mind in a relaxed and creative environment." - Nick Belisle (Grade 12 student)

Benefits of the Communication Technology Program:

- Learn use of professional equipment and software
- Learn essential skills for careers in the cinematography industry
- Reach Ahead opportunities available including trips to tour different facilities, recording studios, broadcasting departments and trade shows
- Gain specific training and certifications in the industry

