



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 Health and Wellness Program Hair/Esthetics Focus

Tollgate Technological Skills Centre

The Hairstyling/Esthetics SHSM falls under the Health and Wellness section. This program gives students life-long personal skills for healthy living and career explorations in the Beauty and Health industry.

"The Health and Wellness SHSM has been an awesome experience. All of the training and knowledge helped me not only at school but in my workplace and everyday life. Attending the educational trips taught me new skills and techniques and showed me different career choices."
Rikki-Lynn Hoffman-Stinson

Benefits of the Health and Wellness Program:

- Up-to-date techniques in the beauty industry
- Free First Aid, CPR, and WHMIS and elective certifications
- Community involvement through schools, health care, community groups
- Co-op placements at reputable salons within the community
- Explore career pathways through media, guest speakers, and Reach Ahead opportunities

