

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



Student Success
 A Grand Erie Program
www.granderie.ca



Grand Erie...
SUCCESS for Every Student

Specialist High Skills Major

The Construction Program Homebuilding Focus

Waterford District High School

The Construction Specialist High Skills Major allows students to develop valuable skills and knowledge, gain additional insight into post-secondary destinations, and obtain certifications to ensure they are ready for a career in the construction industry.

"Everybody's worried about getting a job, but this program takes a lot of that fear away."
 WDHS Student

Benefits of the Construction Program:

- Double construction credits in grade 11 and 12
- Co-op placement in the construction industry
- Industry-recognized certifications (CPR, First Aid, Fall Arrest, Health & Safety, etc.)
- Exposure to various trades involved in the construction industry
- Real world opportunities

