

Considerations for program planning

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Pathways to a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

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The [Specialist High Skills Major \(SHSM\)](#) [↗](#) is a specialized, ministry-approved program that allows students in Grades 11 and 12 to focus their learning on a specific economic

sector while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

The SHSM program assists students in their transition from secondary school to apprenticeship training, college, university, or the workplace.

This program enables students to gain sector-specific skills and knowledge in engaging, career-related learning environments and to prepare in a focused way for graduation and postsecondary education, training, or employment.

Course offerings and program planning should support students who are pursuing specialized programs, including the SHSM program. Bundles of credits provide students with knowledge and skills that are connected with the specific sector of their SHSM program and that are required for success in their chosen destination.