



SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

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The Specialist High Skill Major (SHSM) program provides students with essential skills and work experience. Students focus their learning on components of the arts and culture sector while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). When it is time to make a post-secondary choice, students are well-informed and can draw on actual work experience to help them decide.

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board is enhancing our student success strategy and maintaining our commitment to reach every student by providing more choice in innovative, engaging and quality learning opportunities.

Why choose a SHSM?

- Customize your education to suit your interests and talents while meeting the requirements of the OSSD
- Focus your learning on sector-specific skills and knowledge that are valued by the arts and culture industries and by post-secondary institutions
- Acquire certifications that are specific to the arts and culture sector
- Prepare yourself to make your post-secondary destination choice

How do I apply?

- Step 1** Discuss your career plans with your parents, teachers and guidance counselor
- Step 2** Obtain a Program Application Package from your guidance counselor
- Step 3** Complete the application and give it to your guidance counsellor
- Step 4** Prepare a resume and cover letter for an interview that you will have with your guidance counsellor

BHNCDSB offers the following SHSM programs:

Agriculture

Arts and Culture

- Dance/Drama Focus
- Music Focus
- Visual Arts Focus

Business

- Business Focus
- Social Justice Focus

Construction

Health and Wellness

- Child and Family Focus
- Health Care Focus

Hospitality and Tourism Manufacturing

ICT

- Comm Tech Focus
- Computer Engineering Focus Sport

Transportation

For more information, contact your future secondary school Guidance Department at:

Assumption - 519-751-2030

Holy Trinity - 519-429-3600

St. John's - 519-759-2318

Please note: not all SHSM courses are offered at all schools.



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