

Components of a SHSM

According to the Ontario Ministry of Education's *Specialist High Skills Major - Policy and Implementation Guide*, there are five required components that must be completed to fulfill all sector-specific SHSMs.

1. Bundled Credits

- A defined bundle of credits consisting of eight to ten Grade 11 and Grade 12 credits, including cooperative education credits

2. Certification and Training

- Sector-recognized certifications and training courses and programs
 - a) compulsory certifications or training courses/programs (e.g., first aid, CPR)
 - b) elective certifications and/or training courses/programs, which are selected from a list provided for each SHSM

3. Experiential Learning and Career Exploration Activities

- Experiential learning and career exploration activities within the sector

4. Reach Ahead Experiences

- Learning experiences connected with the student's postsecondary plans

5. Essential Skills and Work Habits

- Development of essential skills and work habits required in the sector, recorded using the tools in the Ontario Skills Passport (OSP)

What do graduates receive?

Students who complete the requirements for the OSSD and for the SHSM will receive an OSSD with an embossed SHSM seal on it. Credits earned towards the SHSM are indicated on the Provincial Report Card, and completion of the SHSM is recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript (OST). In addition, students receive an SHSM Record outlining their achievement in the five required components.

