

What are the benefits of pursuing SHSM Hospitality and Tourism?

- SHSM students gain a variety of valuable sector-related experiences while participating in activities in a specific area of interest
- SHSM students are able to make informed decisions regarding their post-secondary destinations and career paths while participating in opportunities to explore and identify their goals
- SHSM students are provided with the ability to make connections between their secondary school coursework and their future careers
- SHSM students gain significant certifications, skills, and experiences that are valuable credentials which are added to their resume, i.e. on their exit resume when completing Co-op
- SHSM students participate in valuable networking and develop positive relationships with community partners which are helpful for future employment and post-secondary education



Testimonial

“The Hospitality and Tourism SHSM program at St. Francis Xavier S. S. is a major contributor to the success I have had in post-secondary education and in my career. I have graduated from the Wilfrid Laurier University with a BBA, Conestoga College for Culinary and am now at Guelph University for Food Service. I have been employed at both Langdon Hall and Momofuku Shoto. The SHSM program not only helped build a solid foundation of the fundamentals required in the Hospitality and Tourism industry, it went beyond that by offering various certifications and Co-op requirements. Many of these certifications and skills learned from Co-op are material that post-secondary institutions will teach or jobs will require as not every student or employee will possess them. Through SHSM, these aspects were a review for me and my knowledge of them highly impressed professors and employers.”

Wallace Wong

Bachelor of Business Administration
– Marketing & Brand Communication,
Wilfrid Laurier University

Culinary Chef Apprentice – Conestoga College
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For more information, please contact the Guidance Department or the Co-op Department to obtain an application, which is also found on our school website.

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Credits	Apprenticeship Training		College		University		Workplace	
	Gr.11	Gr.12	Gr.11	Gr.12	Gr.11	Gr.12	Gr.11	Gr.12
Major Credits (may include maximum of 1 Cooperative Education Credit)	4*		4*		4*		4*	
includes content delivered in the sector's context	English	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Mathematics	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Business Studies or Science or <i>Additional</i> Cooperative Education Credit	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cooperative Education	2		2		2		2	
Total Number of Credits	9		9		9		9	

* a minimum of one Gr 11 and one Gr 12 credit

What are the Requirements of SHSM Hospitality and Tourism?

There are several components of SHSM Hospitality and Tourism, as follows:

- Completion of a bundle of eight to ten credits including:
 - a) four major sector-specific credits which may include one Cooperative Education credit (see chart below)
 - b) two-four “other” required credits
 - c) two Cooperative Education credits related to the SHSM sector in a placement, such as a restaurant, bakery, hotel, or travel agency
- Certifications and Training:
 - a) four compulsory sector recognized certifications including CPR/1st Aid Training and WHMIS
 - b) three additional elective, sector-specific certifications, such as Smart Serve, Food Handler, and Customer Service
- Reach Ahead and Experiential Learning trips, such as University of Guelph, Ryerson University Apprenticeship Fairs, George Brown College, Humber College, Niagara College, Great Wolf Lodge, Marriott Hotel, Food Companies, such as Kraft and Maple Leaf Foods
- St. Francis Xavier S. S. award for SHSM Hospitality and Tourism student
- Development of Essential Skills and Work Habits as tracked in the Ontario Skills Passport



What is a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Hospitality and Tourism?

SHSM is a ministry-approved program which is tailored to students in all four pathways or post-secondary destinations (workplace, apprenticeship, college and university). SHSM students have the unique opportunity to gain sector-specific skills in conjunction with earning both their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), and the SHSM designation upon graduation.

Who is eligible to apply for SHSM Hospitality and Tourism?

Students may apply in Grade 10, by indicating their interest in SHSM in *MyBlueprint*. Students may also apply in Grade 11. They will need to complete an SHSM application from the school website and speak with their guidance counsellors.

What are the Future Career Paths for Hospitality and Tourism?

Workplace

- Server, Host or Hostess, Farming, Concierge at hotel, Travel Agent

Apprenticeship

- Cook, Baker, Event Planner, Food Stylist

College

- Diet Technician, Research Analyst, Agricultural Specialist

University

- Dietician, Food Scientist, Food Engineer, Food Technologist, Food/Health Inspector, Nutrition & Food Professor

