



Participation Form

Submit this Form to Your Guidance Department

First Name: _____

Please Print Clearly

Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: Year _____ Month _____ Day _____

Grade: (circle one) 9 10 11 12

Select ONE Sector Area:

- Arts & Culture Business Construction
- Energy Health & Wellness Hospitality & Tourism
- Information & Communications Technology Justice, Community Safety, & Emergency Services Manufacturing
- Sports Transportation

Where do you plan to go right after high school: (select one)

- Workplace Apprenticeship College University

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

The information collected on this form will be used to help us advise you about which SHSM trips and training sessions would be most useful to you. We will also use it to advise you on course selection. If you have questions about this form or the information being collected, please contact the Guidance Department at St. Mary's High School or email: SHSM@wcdsb.ca



Specialist High Skills Major

WHAT IS SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR (SHSM)?

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a Ministry approved program that encourages students to focus their education on a specific employment sector.

Components include:

1. A bundle of courses related to a major
2. Co-op experience in an area of interest
3. Industry-recognized certifications related to the employment sector

Students who successfully complete all components of the program earn a **Specialist High Skills Major (Red Seal)** designation on their Diploma.



WHY SHOULD STUDENTS GET INVOLVED?

No matter which path you may follow after high school, you'll have a better idea of your direction and future career choice when graduating with a SHSM red seal.

You will:

- understanding how and why their classes apply to their future career
- obtain training and certifications from experienced industry staff (ex. First Aid & CPR)
- learn on the job skills during a co-op placement,
- gain experience in their field of interest

Majors offered at St. Mary's H.S:

Arts & Culture
Business
Construction
Energy
Health & Wellness
Hospitality & Tourism
Information & Communications
Justice, Community Safety
Manufacturing
Sports
Transportation

HOW AND WHEN TO GET INVOLVED:

Experiences start in Grade 11 or 12. More information can be found online at:

www.highskills.ca



SAMPLE STUDENT – HEALTH & WELLNESS MAJOR

COURSES RELATED TO HEALTH & WELLNESS

	Grade 11	Grade 12
2 Major Courses related to Health & Wellness	Health Care TPJ3C	Child Development & Gerontology TOJ4C
	Healthy Active Living PPL30	Recreation & Fitness PLF4C
1 st required credit	Grade 11 Math	
2 nd required credit		Grade 12 English
3 rd required credit	Chemistry or Biology or Science	

CO-OP PLACEMENT RELATED TO HEALTH & WELLNESS



½ day placement for a full semester in a work environment

2 credits obtained towards diploma

Develop skills and experience in an area of interest

Placements for Health & Wellness students can include:
Recreation & Leisure, Clinic/Laboratory, Retirement Homes,
Fitness & Athletic Clubs ... and many more!

FREE - INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATIONS

(7 certifications taken over the course of grade 11 & 12):

- Standard First Aid
- Health Care Provider (+ CPR)
- Infection Control
- WHMIS training
- Specialized Care (e.g. Dementia)
- Conflict Resolution
- Safe Body Mechanics
- And many more!!



VISIT WWW.HIGHSKILLS.CA FOR MORE INFORMATION !