



“Whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of man came not be served, but to serve.”

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❖ **Ontario Skills Passport**

- Using the online Ontario Skills Passport program, students gain insights into the practical skills and work habits that are required in the Public Service/Non-Profit Sector. Each student is able to work through the program to identify personal skills and strengths that they feel they have mastered.

Who are the Community Partners involved with the Non-Profit Specialist High Skills Major Program?

- ❖ Durham College
- ❖ Fleming College
- ❖ Trent University
- ❖ Kawartha Food Share
- ❖ A Place Called Home
- ❖ United Way of Lindsay
- ❖ Habitat for Humanity
- ❖ Kawartha Child Care Services
- ❖ Lindsay Boys and Girls Club
- ❖ Salvation Army Thrift Store
- ❖ Local Catholic Elementary Schools
- ❖ Technology Alliance Group (TAG)
- ❖ Conservation Authority
- ❖ Seniors Residences

How do I Get Started in the Non-Profit Specialist High Skills Major Program?

When you are in Grade 9 and 10:

- ❖ Visit your guidance office for more information about the Non-Profit Specialist High Skilled Major Program and attend information sessions at the school
- ❖ In February of grade 10:
 - Identify yourself in Career Cruising – Course Planner as an SHSM student
 - Complete the SHSM Registration Form found in Career Cruising or on the school website (www.stacss.ca)
 - Submit the completed registration form electronically
 - Print the completed form, obtain appropriate signatures, and submit the signed hard copy to the Guidance Office
 - Attend an interview with a Guidance Counselor in February or March to ensure that your grade 11 course selections meet the SHSM requirements
 - Meet with a Cooperative Education Teacher to discuss placement opportunities

To learn more about this program, please speak with your Guidance Counselor.



Get Involved



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No matter whether you plan to go to work, apprenticeship, or college/university, you can earn a Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM). Specialist High Skills Major programs allow students to focus on knowledge and skills that are of particular importance to them. The SHSM symbol on your diploma lets employers and post secondary education institutions know that you have knowledge, skills, and industry-recognized qualifications related to a particular career field.



What is the Non-Profit Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Program?

- ❖ This specialized program allows students to experience learning activities in the Non-Profit Sector while meeting the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). This opportunity for students occurs in their grade 11 and 12 years.
- ❖ The SHSM program is a practical and effective way to provide students with skills and Non-Profit Sector training that will assist in the transition from secondary school to apprenticeship training, college, university or the workplace.

- ❖ The Non-Profit Sector is a growing and rewarding career area and includes fields of work in health, social services, public service, law, justice and the environment.
- ❖ At graduation, students who complete the SHSM requirements receive a special diploma with a 'Red Seal' as well as a records card that outlines all of the sector recognized training and certifications that the student has gained in the Non-Profit Sector.

How does the Non-Profit Specialist High Skills Major Program work at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School in Lindsay?

This SHSM program at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School provides students in the City of Kawartha Lakes with an excellent foundation for pursuing work in the public service or with not-for-profit social agencies by:

- ❖ Preparing students through sector certifications and training, to launch into public sector or the non-profit field after secondary school, or pursue further studies in a related area at a post-secondary institution



- ❖ Providing unique Cooperative Education experiences that immerse students into this sector where they gain hands on experience in the field
- ❖ Connecting students to community partners and agencies that have been developed over the past several years resulting in many exciting and fulfilling opportunities for students
- ❖ Inviting guest speakers and experts in this field to share their experience and advice to enable students to make more informed post-secondary choices.

What are the Components of the Non-Profit Specialist High Skills Major Program?

- ❖ **Grade 11 and 12 Bundle of Credits (9 credits)**
 - 4 Major Credits related to the Non-Profit Sector (Social Science Courses)
 - 3 Other Credits from the Ontario Curriculum (Math, English, Business or Science)
 - 2 Cooperative Education Credits

❖ Seven Sector-Recognized Certifications and Awareness Training

FOUR COMPULSORY

- WHMIS
- Standard First Aid Training
- CPR – Level C
- Ethical considerations

THREE OPTIONAL SELECTED FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- Customer service
- Non-violent crisis intervention
- Personality inventory
- Conflict resolution
- Equity and inclusion
- Management/leadership

❖ Experiential Learning and Career Exploration

- Job shadowing/twinning
- Worksite tours
- Volunteer experience with a local non-profit organization or agency

❖ “Reach Ahead” Experiences Connected to Students’ Chosen Post-Secondary Pathway

- Students visit Fleming College and participate in sector related activities
- Students may visit Trent University and join in sector related events
- Students may participate in a sector related conference or workshop
- Students have dual credit opportunities at the school and at night school