



GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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Mental Health Awareness

If you have an immediate concern and you feel that your child is in crisis, please contact one of the following links or phone numbers.:

- ◆ Suicide Hotline: Call or text 988
(<https://www.cbc.ca/amp/1.7043603> for more information)
- ◆ 310-COPE: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673)
- ◆ <https://www.yssn.ca/> (available 24/7)
- ◆ KidsHelpPhone: 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 <https://kidshelpphone.ca>
(available 24/7)
- ◆ call 911 if immediate assistance is required.

Requests for Documents

The Guidance office has been getting many requests for copies of report cards and proof of enrollment documents.

Please note that it is the student's responsibility to download/print all report cards when they received access to the link.

If you require proof of enrollment documents, or similar, please provide the Guidance office with a copy of the request from the organization (ie. Canada Revenue Agency).

The Guidance office requires a minimum of 2—3 days to prepare documents once the request has been made.

Important Upcoming Dates!

- April 25—29** e-Distribution of Mid-Term Report Cards -
students should download and save their report card while the link is active
- April 25—26** OUAC and OCAS Transmissions of Mid-Term marks
- May 6** PA Day
- May 7** Semester 2 Full Disclosure Date

Please check our guidance website for updates:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/guidance/Pages/default.aspx>



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Summer School

Summer school registration opened on April 9th in myBlueprint.

(Courses can be found under the "Continuing Education tab" on the left hand side of the dashboard.)

If your student is requesting a summer school course that they had planned to take next school year, their original selection will be replaced with one of their **alternates**. If your student is unable to complete their summer course, we will attempt to add this course to their timetable for next year. However, there is **no guarantee** that there will be a seat available in the original course selected.

Once registered, you **do NOT need** to print the sign off form that is provided. Students can only take **one** acceleration course during the summer session. Transportation is **not** provided for this program.

Students who were advised by their Guidance Counsellor to enroll in credit recovery based on their semester 1 final marks will also need to register as soon as possible. Please note, it is the student's responsibility to ensure they are registered for the appropriate course(s).

If students require assistance with the summer school registration process, please have them make an appointment with their alpha guidance counsellor.

Acceleration Courses (18 days)

- For students who wish to earn a credit in a subject they have not previously studied or those who wish to upgrade a mark in a course that they have successfully completed.
- Students are encouraged to register early to avoid disappointment.
- Course offerings are not guaranteed as they are based on enrollment and teacher availability.
- Students can only take **one** acceleration course during the summer session.
- Transportation is **not** provided for this program.

Online Learning

- Courses that are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format.
- Online learning does not require pupils and teachers to be face-to-face with each other.
- Classes occur online using an asynchronous model, with check-in opportunities with the teacher.
- The learning platform is Brightspace by D2L.

Dates: Tuesday, July 2 to Thursday, July 25

Hours: Flexible (6 hours per day minimum)

In-Person Learning

- Courses will be offered in a face-to-face learning model.

Dates: Wednesday, July 3 to Friday, July 26

Hours: 8:45 am to 3:33 pm

Locations: Bill Hogarth SS, Maple HS, Milliken Mills HS, Newmarket HS, Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS, Richmond Green SS, Stephen Lewis SS and Sutton DHS

Note: Summer school in-person learning is **NOT** being offered at MDHS this year.

**** For additional information, please visit the YRDSB summer school link ****

www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities



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Post-Secondary Information

IMPORTANT DATES for UNIVERSITY APPLICANTS

- May 29** – Deadline for universities to make an offer admission, refusal or deferral
- June 3** – The earliest date a current Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.). School-specific deadlines for students to make a financial commitment (deposit for tuition and/or residence) to their chosen university
- June 5** – Students who did not receive an offer of admission may begin to use the AIS system to search available programs (see your Counsellor for details)

IMPORTANT DATES for COLLEGE APPLICANTS

May 1, 2024: Deadline to Confirm Offers of Admission— Applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by this date. Log in to your ontariocolleges.ca account to [confirm your offer](#).

Colleges may extend offers of admission after this date. Each college will set the deadline to confirm offers made after May 1, and this deadline will be communicated to you with your offer.

June 2024: Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges— The colleges require payment of a tuition deposit in June to secure your spot in your program. Each college sets its own tuition deposit amount and payment deadline. This information will be communicated to you by the college.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The latest issue of the **Scholarship Report** contains listings with June/July deadlines as well as updates to scholarships listed in previous newsletters. The scholarships are listed according to application submission deadline. Just a reminder: All scholarships are linked directly to the scholarship's website. Just click on the name of the scholarship. In order to view, please use the following password if prompted, **scholar58**

<https://seekingscholarships.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/April-24-TSR-D3-1.pdf>

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES INFORMATION SESSION

Ontario's universities are excited to host a collection of in-person and virtual events this spring and fall, where students can speak directly with university and student representatives. These events are free and anyone may attend.

Virtual Information Session — May 22, 5:00 pm—7:00 pm

Dates for the fall events will be posted on the OUEvents website soon. Each virtual event gives students the opportunity to learn about the universities of their choice and ask questions. **New this spring:** Ontario's universities will host an Information Sessions virtual event geared towards Grade 11 students looking to explore their university options ahead of Grade 12.



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York Region

US University Fair

*Register for free to meet the NCAA, Common App
and US universities this Spring 2024!*



Scan to Register

**May 16th 2024
5pm-8pm ET**

Bill Crothers S.S.
44 Main St Unionville
Unionville, ON L3R 2E4

Speak to 35+ Universities & NCAA

- Meet In-Person or Online
- Undergraduate Programs
- NCAA Sports Recruiting and Eligibility
- Scholarships & Financial Aid for Canada
- Admissions Requirements
- Deadlines and more!

Explore Career Pathways

- Healthcare (Medicine, Dentsitry, Nursing, etc)
- Business & Entrepreneurship
- Esports (Gaming)
- Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theatre, Film
- Science, Tech, Engineering & Math



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Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

APPLY TO SHSM: bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp

What is SHSM?

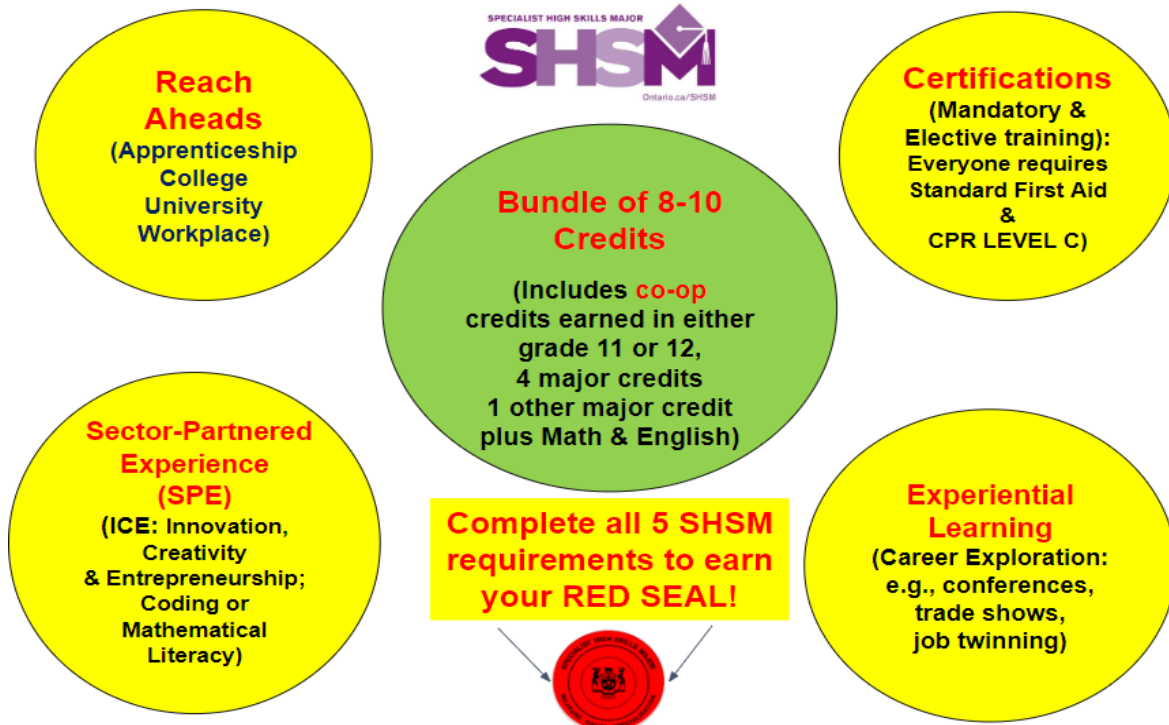
A Specialist High Skills Major lets students focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).



Why consider SHSM?

- ◆ Customize secondary school education to suit interests and skills
- ◆ Complete sector recognized certifications to build your resume
- ◆ Prepare for post-secondary opportunities
- ◆ Explore and refine career goals
- ◆ Earn the SHSM Distinction on their OSSD
- ◆ Engage in fun, experiential learning with like-minded peers
- ◆ Participation in the training and field trips is **free**.

Specialist High Skills Major: 5 Required Components





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April, May, June

YRES Youth Workshop Calendar

April

- APR 6** | Course Selections and University Applications (G9-12)
- APR 13** | Finding Your Calling and Passion (G9-12)
- APR 20** | The Benefits of Tutoring and Its Effects on Academic Performance (G6-12)
- APR 27** | Achieving Your Academic Goals (Transition from Middle to High School, G8-9)

May

- MAY 4** | Discovering Volunteering Opportunities (G9-12)
- MAY 11** | Financial Literacy 101 (G10-12)
- MAY 18** | Clear and Compelling Communication (G9-12)
- MAY 25** | Discovering Volunteering Opportunities (G9-12)

June


- JUN 1** | Resumes, Cover Letters, and Interview Preparation (G6-12)
- JUN 8** | Navigating High School and Beyond (G11-12)


 **Aaniin Community Centre**
5665 14th Ave, Markham
or Zoom

 **3PM - 4PM (EST)**

 **FREE Workshops**

Scan the QR code to register.

 yorkeducation.org

 info@yorkeducation.ca



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