



GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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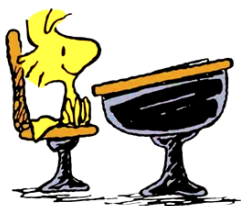
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Mental Health Awareness

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.

ATTENTION GRADE 12 STUDENTS

- ◆ **If you need help accepting and/or declining university or college offers please see your Guidance counsellor.**
- ◆ **We strongly recommend that all students check their OUAC/OCAS accounts for accuracy, including your graduation status. Please report any discrepancies to your Guidance counsellor immediately.**
- ◆ **There are a large number of students who have not completed their graduation requirement of 40 hours of Community Service. All hours must be submitted by Friday, June 14 in order to ensure your graduation status is not in jeopardy. Please make an appointment with your Guidance counsellor if you have any questions or concerns.**

Important Upcoming Dates

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| Thursday, June 13- | Therapy Dogs Visit - Room 108 - Period 3 |
| Friday, June 14— | Grade 12 Exams |
| Monday, June 17— | Regular instructional day for all grades |
| Tuesday, June 18— | Grade 12 exams |
| June 19—June 21— | Exam period for all grades |
| June 24—June 25— | Grade 9—11 Exams |
| Tuesday, June 25— | Graduation |

Please check our guidance website for updates:

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



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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

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.

THE SCHOLARSHIP REPORT - MAY/JUNE 2024 — Final newsletter

This issue contains scholarship listings with June-September deadlines. The scholarships are listed according to application submission deadline. All scholarships are linked directly to the scholarship's website.

Just click on the name of the scholarship. If the document requires a password, please use: scholar58.

<https://seekingscholarships.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/May-24-TSR-FINAL.pdf?authuser=0>





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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.)

Deadline to apply is June 7th for Acceleration Courses

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.

Summer School Reinforcement (for students who were recommended for credit recovery)

- **Session 1 for reinforcement courses start Wednesday, July 3 and end Monday, July 15.**
- **Session 2 for reinforcement courses start Tuesday, July 16 and end Friday, July 26.**
- ***** Students selecting Civics/Careers in summer school MUST select both unless they have previously earned either of these half credits. The session order does not matter. *****

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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Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

APPLY TO SHSM: bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp

What is SHSM?

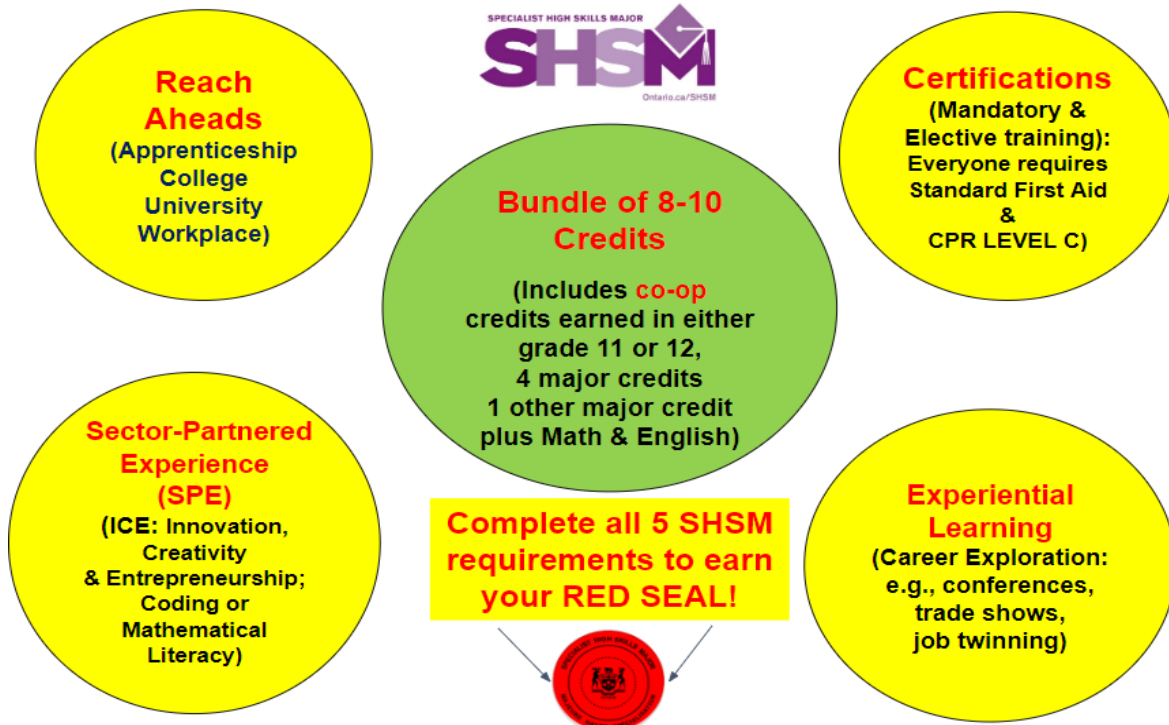
A Specialist High Skills Major lets students focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).



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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UOFT SUMMER PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH INITIATIVE



Are you a high school student in Ontario who is interested in psychology and research? Join us at SPRINT 2024!

The University of Toronto **Summer Psychology Research Initiative (SPRINT)** is a free summer program for high school students in Ontario to learn about a broad range of psychology topics and gain research experience.

As a program committed to promoting equity, diversity, and inclusivity, applicants who identify as **Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour and/or members of other historically underrepresented social groups** (e.g., first-generation students) will be prioritized in the selection process. In addition, SPRINT prioritizes upper-year high school students (i.e., entering grades 11 and 12), recent high school graduates, and former SPRINT applicants who were not previously selected.

This year, SPRINT will be held between **July 15–26, 2024, Monday – Friday, in person at the University of Toronto, St. George Campus**. Students will be selected into one of two program streams based on their interests and goals.



Research Stream

Mentorship & Group Work Focused

- Lectures and workshops from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Research project meetings from 3 – 4 p.m.
- Collaboratively developing a research project to present at the end of the program
- For students looking to pursue psychology in postsecondary and build foundational skills

Lecture Stream

Lecture & Tutorial Focused

- Lectures and workshops from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Access to all course resources and connect with peers who are interested in psychology
- For students exploring psychology as an interest and potential postsecondary program

Program Benefits

Completion Certificate

Recommendation Letter from mentors or organizers

Learn general psychology topics

Gain research and communication skills

Apply by Friday, May 31 at 11:59 p.m.!

Application Form: <https://forms.gle/Va8AK7wc8JCKyKgh6>

Website: <https://sprint.psych.utoronto.ca/>

Email: uoftpsycomm@gmail.com Instagram&Twitter: [@uoftpsycomm](https://www.instagram.com/uoftpsycomm)





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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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