

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The business sector offers opportunities in finance, marketing, retail, real estate, human resources, management and budget-related careers in the other sectors of our economy. Students who are interested in exploring their options related to business can take the Specialist High Skills Major program to engage in learning and experiences that will be an asset for a future in business.

This program is designed to help students develop their awareness of the diverse opportunities that are available in the broad field of business. This program will create authentic learning experiences, allowing students to refine, extend and apply business knowledge.

Experiential Learning Opportunities

- Trips to various business related organizations and associations
- Engage with entrepreneurs and other business professionals
- Observe presentations related to different careers within the sector
- Complete 2 Cooperative Education credits
- Attend trips to colleges & universities
- Participate in DECA
- Complete experiences related to math, coding or the design thinking process related to the business sector

Related Careers

- Accounting, Banking, Insurance,
 & Other Financial Clerks
- Assessor, Valuator & Appraiser
- Business Development Officer
- Marketing Researcher
- Entrepreneur
- Financial & Investment Analyst
- Adjuster and Claims Examiner
- Personnel and Recruitment Officer
- Retail and Wholesale Buyer
- Securities Agent, Dealer or Brokerand more

Certifications & Training

- CPR Level C / AED Training & Standard First Aid / WHMIS
- Customer Service
- Counterfeit Detection
- Leadership Skills
- Personality Inventory
- Effective Networking
- Specialized Business Program / Competition
- Business Etiquette
- ...and more

CREDITS

Course Package

Each SHSM program offers students a bundle of 8 - 10 credits. These courses are regular Ontario secondary school courses that allow students to work towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, but have been bundled as the most relevant courses to prepare students for a future in the business sector.

The Bundle Includes:

- 4 "major" credits in business in grade 11 and 12
- Supporting credits, which include Contextualized Learning Activities (opportunities for students to learn the subject in the context of the business sector):
 - > Grade 11 and/or 12 English credit
 - > Grade 11 and/or 12 Math credit
 - > 2 Cooperative Education credits to experience life in the business sector

Applying to the Business SHSM at White Oaks Secondary School:

All students in Halton are able to attend the Business SHSM at White Oaks SS in grade 11 or grade 12. Each student's goals will be assessed and course selection will be determined based on individual needs.

If you want to learn more about this program:

- Check out the Business SHSM at haltonpathways.ca
- Express interest on myblueprint.ca/halton
- Speak with your guidance counsellor in student services
- Come to a Pathways Planning Information Evening (see haltonpathways.ca for dates and times)

