**Specialist High School Major (SHSM)**

Book your class for Specialist High School Major (SHSM) offered this May 2026 at OELC!

Set in the beautiful outdoors near Lake Simcoe, Camp Couchiching offers an unforgettable experience where SHSM students can:

* Earn **industry-recognized certifications**
* Develop **leadership and teamwork skills**
* Explore real-world career pathways
* Connect with peers in the same sector
* Have fun in a camp environment that blends **learning, adventure, and growth**

We offer two program formats for SHSM certification:

* **1- Day Certification**: A focused, on-site session that allows students to complete a single SHSM certification in one immersive day.
* **2- Day / 1-Night Dual Certification**: Designed for schools looking to deliver two certifications in a short residential format, balancing in-class learning with hands-on leadership development.

What makes these SHSM opportunities exceptional is the **calibre of our OELC staff**—many of whom are experienced educators and former OELC participants—and our **unique partnership with Camp Couchiching**. Students don’t just learn leadership concepts in theory; they apply them immediately through elements like high ropes, canoeing, low ropes, and geocaching, reinforcing certification content through active experiential learning.

Program Options:

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| **Electives** | | | | | | | | |
| **Sector** | Customer Service | Leadership Skills | Project Management | Event Coordinator | Equity & Inclusion | Communication Skills | Conflict Resolution | Group Dynamics |
| Agriculture | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Arts and Crafts | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |  |  |
| Aviation Aerospace | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Business | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  | ☑ |  |  |  |
| Construction | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Energy | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Environment | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food Processing | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |  |  |
| Forestry | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health & Wellness | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |
| Horticulture & Landscaping | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hospitality & Tourism | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Information & Communication Technology | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Justice, Community Safety & Energy Services | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |  |  | ☑ |
| Manufacturing | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-profit, Education & Child Care | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |
| Sports | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |
| Transportation | ☑ | ☑ |  |  |  |  |  |  |