

Cooperative Education and SHSM Credit Course Descriptions

Cooperative Education

GLC209 – Specialist High Skills Major, Grade 10, Open (2.0 credits)

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program is a Ministry of Education approved specialized program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). SHSM enables students to gain sector-specific skills and knowledge in the context of engaging, career-related learning environments and helps them focus on graduation and on pursuing postsecondary goals in apprenticeship, the workplace, college or university.

One of the five required components of SHSM is that students must complete 2 cooperative education credits in a workplace setting that enables students to refine, extend, apply and practice sector-specific knowledge and skills. These Co-op credits must be related to the major credits. *Prerequisite: None*

Note: Students are required to find their own work placement* within **Durham Region** before June 26, 2020 in order to take summer school co-op education.

***Note:** Placements must be approved prior to the start of summer school. The Durham District School Board and Durham Continuing Education reserve the right to refuse placements if the Co-operative Education Teacher deems the placement unsafe or unsuitable for the cooperative education program. Students cannot be supervised by family members at a cooperative education placement. Please visit www.dce.ca for further information.

GLN401/GLN408 – Navigating the Workplace/Cooperative Education, Grade 12, Open (2.0 credits)

This course provides students with opportunities to develop the workplace essential skills and work habits required for success in all types of workplaces. Cooperative education is an active learning process which integrates classroom theory with practical experience in business and industry. This program includes a classroom component and a placement component. The pre-placement component includes health and safety training, a review of community career opportunities, Employment Standards Act, Human Rights Act, the role of unions, and the development of a personalized learning plan. The placement component provides an opportunity for students to enrich their skills with practical applications in community placements. Students must have a good attitude and attendance record. *Prerequisite: None*

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