

## What is the SHSM – ICT Program?

- The Information and Communications Technology sector includes a broad range of careers related to: computer hardware, software, systems, and networking; graphic design; photography; animation; multimedia; audio production; video production; broadcasting; *and more!*
- In the Specialist High Skills Major – Information and Communications Technology program, students can focus on a career pathway that matches their skills and interests.
- Students will get a better understanding of the ICT sector through course selections and opportunities to connect their in-school learning to real world environments, including Co-op work experience, postsecondary reach aheads, industry-based experiential learning, trainings and certifications.
- At graduation, students will receive a specially designated diploma.

## Who Should Enrol in the SHSM – ICT?

The ICT SHSM program at West Niagara Secondary School is a great option for students who:

- Are in Grade 11 or 12 (Grade 10 student may also submit the interest form)
- Are planning to pursue a related postsecondary career pathway
- Are enrolled in related courses (see a full list of related courses on the WNSS website):
  - Computer Science (ICS)
  - Communications Technology (TGJ Graphics/Animation and/or TGV Audio/Video Production)
  - Computer Engineering (TEJ)
  - Technological Design (TDJ)
- Are interested in completing a Co-op program to gain related industry experience

## How Do I Enrol in the SHSM – ICT?

- ☐ Complete the SHSM interest form and select “Information & Communications Technology”
- ☐ Have your Parent/Guardian sign the form
- ☐ Return the form to the WNSS Guidance Department

## Where Can I Find Out More?

- Speak to Mrs. Thwaites and Mr. Elgersma (*SHSM ICT Lead Teachers*)
- Visit Guidance
- Review the SHSM – ICT brochure
- Listen to the announcements for any upcoming information sessions
- Visit: <https://westniagara.dsbn.org/academics/shsm> (or scan the QR code)
- Visit the [Ministry of Education Website](https://www.ontario.ca/document/specialist-high-skills-major-policy-and-implementation-guide/information-and-communications-technology):
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