

Exploratory Curriculum (AGES 12–14)

When instructors order the Exploratory Curriculum they will receive:

Career Readiness Pre-Assessment

Nearly 70 learning events

Learning events include:

Four unit kickoff lessons

More than 20 e-learning modules

More than 40 project activities

Instructors choose which project activities students will complete.

Career Readiness Post-Assessment

Complete the Exploratory Curriculum and post-assessment at a level of 80% and earn the Exploratory micro-credential, indicating their achievement of the objectives and goals of the course.



The SkillsUSA Career Essentials exploratory curriculum engages learners ages 12–14 (grades 6–9) in a holistic project-based learning approach as they build career-readiness skills grounded in the SkillsUSA Framework.

Career Essentials includes individual and group activities, instructional e-modules, and skill assessments to guide students as they apply career-readiness content to their current life events and think ahead to their future careers. After completing the exploratory curriculum, learners will be able to . . .

- Define the 17 SkillsUSA Framework Essential Elements (employability skills).
- Narrow their career field interests/focus as a result of career exploration.
- Establish plans and adjust to changes to successfully transition to high school.
- Implement skills to develop high-quality personal and professional relationships.

As a function of using the Exploratory Curriculum, teachers will be able to . . .

- Guide student learning as they achieve the four learner outcomes above.
- Implement project-based learning successfully in their classroom.
- Connect students with industry partners.



Unit 1:

Getting Ready for Your Career Unit Map

(Shown here is an example of a unit in the Exploratory Curriculum.)

- ▶ Career Interest Survey
- 🔍 What is the SkillsUSA Framework?
- ▶ The SkillsUSA Framework
- ▶ Survival Guide
- ▶ Career Profiles
- ▶ What Are Your Personal Strengths?
- ▶ Using the Framework



STUDENT RESOURCES

- The 16 Career Clusters of the National Career Clusters® Framework lead students through e-learning modules
- Feedback and interaction provided through e-learning modules
- Instruction sheets guide students in completing each project activity
- Students access their course online via on computers, tablets and smartphones
- E-badges earned for successful completion of each unit

TEACHER RESOURCES

- Access to learner view on the learning management system
- A full "instructor version" of the student course that includes instructor guides for each unit
- Online reporting features to monitor student progress
- Step-by-step navigation support in the learning management system
- Through customer support and virtual training opportunities, teachers develop Career Essentials implementation plans that allow them to feel confident in their delivery of the curriculum.

New in 2022 — Greater Flexibility!

Instructors choose which and how many project activities students will complete based on a plan that fits the needs of the classroom and individual students. The Exploratory Curriculum contains about 25 hours of required project activities.

The newly revised Exploratory Curriculum does not require learners to upload any project activities. Learners can now submit project activities to their instructor via off-platform methods (email, shared drive, etc.). Instructors sign off on each unit to verify satisfactory completion.

Flexible Purchase Options!

Instructors now have the option to purchase segments of the Exploratory Curriculum.

OPTION 1: Full Exploratory Curriculum

\$15 per student

Average full curriculum completion time: **25 hours**

OPTION 2: Exploratory Curriculum Segment Options

\$5.95 per student, per segment

Segment 1: **Pre-Assessment, Units 1, and 2**

Segment 2: **Unit 3**

Segment 3: **Units 4, and Post-Assessment**

Exploratory Curriculum Units

Unit 1: **What is Career Readiness?**

Unit 2: **Personal Skills**

Unit 3: **Workplace Skills**

Unit 4: **Technical Skills**

