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.
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

For full details on the SkillsUSA Career Essentials suite of products including purchasing information, please visit: [www.careeressentials.org](http://www.careeressentials.org)