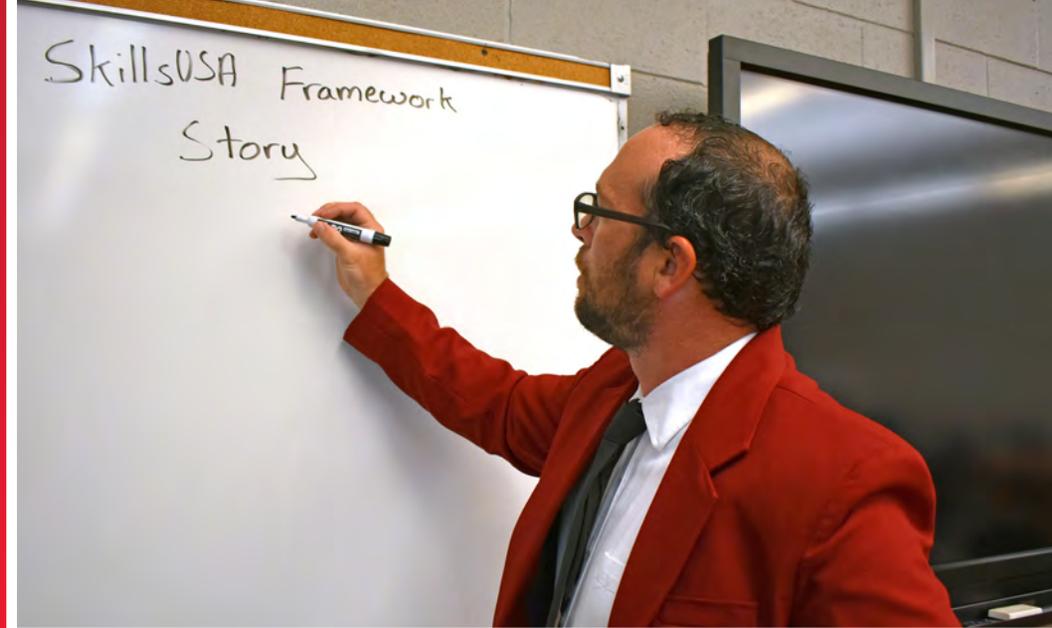


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This is our largest offering of free SkillsUSA instructor and state leader training ever! There are two ways to learn: Use the ACTE Quality CTE Program of Study framework on page 10 OR select the training that aligns with your areas of interest.

Category and Title	Description	Delivery	Availability	Access Details
Professional Development				
What is SkillsUSA? 	SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. How do you communicate the value of SkillsUSA to others? In this session, we will unpack the SkillsUSA infographic to gain a deeper understanding of our structure.	30-minute virtual instructor-led session	Available bi-monthly from September to November	To view the schedule and register, click HERE
Framework Integration				
Experiential Activities to Promote the SkillsUSA Framework  	Join us for an exploration of this incredible resource. It provides students with experiences that illustrate the Essential Elements of the SkillsUSA Framework. These activities can be used to introduce any Essential Element and provide an opportunity for reflection on the experience and determine the application to the real world.	30-minute virtual instructor-led session	Available in September and October	To view the schedule and register, click HERE
Framework Integration Strategies and Framework Foundation Lesson Plans  	SkillsUSA has developed 18 Framework lesson plans plus eight strategies to integrate the Framework into your classroom or lab. Each strategy includes two activities for integration and three suggestions for additional learning opportunities. Explore these resources and collaborate on your implementation plan	30-minute virtual instructor-led session	Available bi-monthly from September to November	To view the schedule and register, click HERE



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Framework Integration				
Framework Integration 101 	<p>Instruction should be intentional and meaningful for every student. Many skills can be practiced during hands-on experiences, while others will require a specific classroom lesson. In this session, explore learning activities you can integrate into your classroom to promote employability skill development in students. Using the SkillsUSA Framework as a guide, teachers will learn to engage students in the development of personal workplace and technical skills demanded by industry.</p>	<p>60-minute virtual instructor-led session</p>	<p>Available monthly from September to November</p>	<p>To view the schedule and register, click HERE</p> <p>To maximize your session, purchase “SkillsUSA Framework Integration: Teaching Strategies for the Essential Elements” prior to your session: click HERE</p>
Framework 101: The Thumball	<p>Using the thumball is straightforward — it’s all about the toss! Simply toss the ball to a student and see what section lands closest to the right or left thumb (your choice) when caught. That is the prompt. The accompanying activities promote student collaboration, discussion, evaluation and recollection of Framework Essential Elements and their significance.</p>	<p>10-minute mini-training: web-based video and Integration Activity Sheet</p>	<p>Open access when you need it, beginning Sept 28, 2020</p>	<p>You will access the video and Integration Activity Sheet on SkillsUSA CONNECT, click HERE</p>
Framework 101: Teaching Strategies for Essential Elements	<p>Take the guesswork out of teaching students the definitions and behaviors of the 17 Essential Elements of the SkillsUSA Framework. This resource delivers exactly what the name implies. It’s the ideal way to quickly introduce the Essential Elements to your students and will lead to all students being able to articulate the definition, outcomes and behaviors of each Essential Element.</p>	<p>10-minute mini-training: web-based video and Integration Activity Sheet</p>	<p>Open access when you need it, beginning Sept 28, 2020</p>	<p>You will access the video and Integration Activity Sheet on SkillsUSA CONNECT, click HERE</p>
Framework 101: Results to Honor Cards	<p>One of the first things we learn in classroom management training is that behavior that is rewarded is reinforced and more likely to continue. The Results to Honor cards make it easy for teachers to acknowledge and reinforce in students the specific personal, workplace and technical skills grounded in academics that are being developed.</p>	<p>10-minute mini-training: web-based video and Integration Activity Sheet</p>	<p>Open access when you need it, beginning Sept 28, 2020</p>	<p>You will access the video and Integration Activity Sheet on SkillsUSA CONNECT, click HERE</p>

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Classroom Management				
“Business Partner Outreach Preparation Guide”  	<p>The support of business and industry partners is critical for program success. The “Business Partner Outreach Preparation Guide” streamlines the process of welcoming business partners into your classroom. This guide provides a plan for partner outreach, resources, student activities and evaluation tools for measuring student growth following the partner experiences.</p>	30-minute virtual instructor-led session	Available in September and October	To view the schedule and register to attend, click HERE
“Resolute”	<p>“Resolute” helps students strengthen SkillsUSA Framework skills with sharp focus on the Essential Element of Decision Making and critical thinking. Students will be faced with ethical dilemmas when they enter the workforce. Their decisions will influence productivity, work quality, workplace safety, opportunities for advancement and job retention. They will also interact with coworkers from diverse cultural backgrounds as they work together to solve problems that may have ethical implications.</p>	10-minute mini-training: web-based video and Integration Activity Sheet	Open access when you need it, beginning Nov. 2, 2020	You will access the video and Integration Activity Sheet on SkillsUSA CONNECT, click HERE
“Accelerate”	<p>Involving students in learning is a very powerful method for improving both comprehension and retention. Effective teachers give students an opportunity to apply content in a practical manner. “Accelerate” provides more than 40 proven teaching strategies to enhance classroom learning. These activities are fun, interactive and student-centered.</p>	10-minute mini-training: web-based video and Integration Activity Sheet	Open access when you need it, beginning Nov. 2, 2020	You will access the video and Integration Activity Sheet on SkillsUSA CONNECT, click HERE
“Critical Thinking at Work”	<p>Critical thinking is one of the most desired traits in new employees, consistently ranking first or second among high-demand skill sets. The need for individuals to use critical thinking to solve problems, identify new solutions, and apply automation and artificial intelligence is essential. This session will focus on the essential element decision making as we learn more about the critical thinking process and practice applying it to workplace scenarios via this cool educational resource.</p>	30-minute virtual instructor-led session	Available monthly in November and December	To view the schedule and register to attend, click HERE



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“Conflict Management at Work”	Conflict is a normal part of every human relationship and, therefore, very much a part of the workplace. When conflict is managed effectively, it can lead to positive morale, creative problem-solving, innovation, teamwork and greater appreciation for diversity. “Conflict Management at Work” will provide students with the knowledge and skills to more effectively manage conflict in their personal lives, as well as in the workplace.	30-minute virtual instructor-led session	Available monthly in November and December	To view the schedule and register to attend, click HERE
Career Essentials				
SkillsUSA Career Essentials Suite Overview 	We recommend that teachers begin with a one-hour <i>SkillsUSA Career Essentials</i> Suite overview. This instructor-led virtual session includes a basic review of the four courses in the <i>Career Essentials</i> Suite and a live demonstration of the Learning Management System. During the session, ask questions and view how Career Essentials can be easily implemented in a variety of learning environments.	60-minute virtual instructor-led session	Offered year round, bi-monthly	To view the schedule and register to attend, click HERE
Career Essentials Implementation Training	Career Essentials Implementation Training is a three-hour course for teachers who purchased the Experiences courses and are implementing this year. Develop skills for using project-based learning to teach the SkillsUSA Framework, learn to create an implementation plan for each Experience and how to monitor student progress via the Learning Management System. Participants who complete four assignments following this training earn their Career Essentials Certified Teacher status.	3-hour virtual instructor-led <i>(pre-work is required)</i>	Offered year round, 1 to 2 sessions per month Custom dates are also available for state or school groups of 5 to 25 participants	To view the schedule and register to attend, click HERE
Career Essentials Certified State Officer Trainer “Booster Sessions” 	Complete Career Essentials Implementation Training, then dive deeper into developing a state officer team implementation plan utilizing the Career Essentials Suite. Four booster sessions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging Business and Industry Facilitate, Engage and Coach Capstone Experience Enhancements Celebrating Your Officer 	Four 30-minute virtual instructor-led sessions	Available in September <i>Recommended for State Officer trainers who have already completed the Career Essentials Implementation Training</i>	To register for the series, click HERE

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Career Essentials Screencast and User Guides	We tried to the guess work out of the Learning Management System by creating screencasts and user guides for the most frequently asked questions our Career Essentials Coaches received last year. Choose your topic of interest and learn more today!	12 mini-training web-based video sessions (5-10 minutes each)	Open access when you need it, beginning Oct. 26, 2020	Access these resources within the Instructor or Admin Instructions course: Learn.SkillsUSA.org
Career Essentials Implementation Video Series (with Companion Guide)	Choose your course, watch the video and use the Companion Guide to prompt your critical thinking process for creating a unique Career Essentials Suite implementation plan.	4 mini-training web-based video sessions (5-10 minutes)	Open access when you need it, beginning Oct. 26, 2020	You will access the videos and Companion Guides on SkillsUSA CONNECT, click HERE
Chapter Management				
“Ignite”	“Ignite” is all about sparking student interest with a small action to encourage purposeful learning opportunities. “Ignite” equips you with 68 bell ringers or startup tasks that engage students with career readiness topics, followed by interactive activities that make connections to how that knowledge is applied in the workplace. In addition to classroom engagement, “Ignite” aligns with the Framework.	10-minute mini-training: web-based video and Integration Activity Sheet	Open access when you need it, beginning Oct. 26, 2020	You will access the video and Integration Activity Sheet on SkillsUSA CONNECT, click HERE
“Jumpstart”	It is important for teachers and student leaders to create a fun atmosphere at SkillsUSA chapter meetings, events and activities. By starting chapter gatherings with an engaging activity, we set the tone for success. “Jumpstart” provides time-tested icebreakers and mixers to help you get started.	10-minute mini-training: web-based video and Integration Activity Sheet	Open access when you need it, beginning Oct. 26, 2020	You will access the video and Integration Activity Sheet on SkillsUSA CONNECT, click HERE
“JumpStart 2.0”	While there is always business to take care of at meetings, learning to gain at workshops and goals to accomplish during activities, mixing in a little fun and social interaction adds variety and joy to any event where people gather. JumpStart 2.0 brings you a new collection of icebreakers and mixers to do just that and more.	30-minute virtual instructor-led	Available bi-monthly from September to November	To view the schedule and register, click HERE To maximize your session experience, purchase “JumpStart 2.0” prior to your training! Click HERE
“Propel”	“Propel” is a collection of 35 engaging, proven activities that is an excellent tool for teachers and student leaders to use during meetings, workshops and conferences. These ideas will add fun and some positive energy to any SkillsUSA event.	10-minute mini-training: web-based video and Integration Activity Sheet	Open access when you need it, beginning Oct. 26, 2020	You will access the video and Integration Activity Sheet on SkillsUSA CONNECT, click HERE



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“Jump Into STEM!”  	<p>“Jump Into STEM!” is an ideal resource for schools that want to incorporate career-focused learning during or after school. Your students are volunteers who facilitate engaging, hands-on learning related to STEM-related jobs with younger students, creating an open door to future high school CTE recruitment. “Jump Into STEM!” is provided as a benefit of professional membership and it provides all the tools needed for successful implementation.</p>	30-minute virtual instructor-led	Available bi-monthly in October and November	To view the schedule and register, click HERE
Program of Work				
“Program of Work Launch Guide”   	<p>It can be very daunting to take on a new role as a SkillsUSA advisor, especially if you were not a member or have not led a student organization — but it is doable! This “Program of Work Launch Guide” was created to support advisors and members in creating intentional activities that lead students to develop the employability and technical skills needed in the workplace. Learn how advisors become supervisors to guide and provide feedback when needed. Explore the templates and tools for launching successful activities this year.</p>	60-minute virtual instructor-led session	Available bi-monthly in September and October	To view the schedule and register to attend, click HERE
Chapter Excellence Program 	<p>The Chapter Excellence Program (CEP) recognizes student achievement related to integration of the SkillsUSA Framework in Program of Work activities. With the SkillsUSA Framework as a guide, chapters have a blueprint for creating relevant activities that encourage participation. This focus on intentional learning turns the PoW into more than a planning tool. Explore the 10 phases of CEP planning and then navigate your SkillsUSA chapter to success!</p>	60-minute virtual instructor-led session	Available in October and November	To view the schedule and register to attend, click HERE
Leadership Development				
Chapter Officer Election Guide	<p>Chapter officer elections are one of the early steps to chapter success so begin your election process early. In this session, we will explore processes and resources to utilize at your school for in-person or virtual formats. There’s never been a better time to take advantage of what SkillsUSA has to offer!</p>	75-minute virtual instructor-led session	Available bi-monthly in September	To view the schedule and register to attend, click HERE



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“Impact”	Developing impactful teams is about self-discovery and fostering team cohesion. To support you in coaching and training teams, “Impact” features a series of activities that promote team interaction, trust exercises and problem solving with varying degrees of difficulty. There is also helpful information on group facilitation and the use of debriefing questions to enhance the team-building process.	10-minute mini-training: web-based video and Integration Activity Sheet	Open access when you need it, beginning Nov. 9, 2020	You will access the video and Integration Activity Sheet on SkillsUSA CONNECT, click HERE
“Leveraging Your Leadership with Effective Chapter Meetings”	As you prepare local, state and national leaders, SkillsUSA has educational resources to support you. “Leveraging Your Leadership” is a series designed to promote student development and equips educators with resources to support student engagement and chapter management. The focus of this session will be effective chapter meetings.	10-minute mini-training: web-based video and Integration Activity Sheet	Open access when you need it, beginning Oct. 26, 2020	You will access the video and Integration Activity Sheet on SkillsUSA CONNECT, click HERE
“Leveraging Your Leadership with Effective Communication”	As you prepare local, state and national leaders, SkillsUSA has educational resources to support you. “Leveraging Your Leadership” is a series designed to promote student development and equips educators with resources to support student engagement and chapter management. The focus of this session will be effective chapter meetings.	10-minute mini-training: web-based video and Integration Activity Sheet	Open access when you need it, beginning Oct. 26, 2020	You will access the video and Integration Activity Sheet on SkillsUSA CONNECT, click HERE
“Leveraging Your Leadership with POWERRful Presentations”	As you prepare local, state and national leaders, SkillsUSA has educational resources to support you. “Leveraging Your Leadership” is a series designed to promote student development and equips educators with resources to support student engagement and chapter management. The focus of this session will be creating POWERRful presentations.	10-minute mini-training: web-based video and Integration Activity Sheet	Open access when you need it, beginning Oct. 26, 2020	You will access the video and Integration Activity Sheet on SkillsUSA CONNECT, click HERE



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Leveraging Your Leadership with Parliamentary Procedure (with Companion Guide)	As you prepare local, state and national leaders, SkillsUSA has educational resources to support you. “Leveraging Your Leadership” is a series designed to promote student development and equips educators with resources to support student engagement and chapter management. The focus of this session will be parliamentary procedure.	10-minute mini-training: web-based video and Integration Activity Sheet	Open access when you need it, beginning Oct. 26, 2020	You will access the video and Integration Activity Sheet on SkillsUSA CONNECT, click HERE
SkillsUSA Championships				
“Hosting a Local Career Competition Guides”  	The philosophy of the SkillsUSA Championships is to reward students for excellence, to involve industry in directly evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers’ needs. The practical advice within the prework, planning, implementation, celebration and evaluation components of the “Local Career Competition Guides” will empower you to host a local competition successfully. Let’s explore the tools provided to help you facilitate these important experiences. Onsite and virtual options will be shared.	30-minute virtual instructor-led session	Available bi-monthly in November	To view the schedule and register to attend, click HERE
“SkillsUSA Championships Coaching Guides”	Preparing for the SkillsUSA Championships is an excellent opportunity for SkillsUSA Framework skill development in students. As a SkillsUSA advisor, you have the unique opportunity to make a huge impact by helping students become college- and career-ready. Four SkillsUSA Championships Coaching Guides have been developed to support you in this important work. From training timelines to learning objectives and activity templates, these tools and tips will strengthen your coaching experience.	30-minute virtual instructor-led session	Available bi-monthly in November	To view the schedule and register to attend, click HERE

Create Your Unique Professional Development Plan:



Step 1: Review [ACTE's Quality CTE Program of Study Framework](#)

Step 2: Complete the [ACTE self-evaluation instrument](#)

Step 3: Based on your three lowest-scoring areas, choose the corresponding professional development category from the chart below.

Step 4: Locate the specific SkillsUSA Professional Development opportunities for those categories in this document.

Step 5: Register for at least one opportunity or access one resource within each professional development category.

ACTE Quality CTE Program of Study Framework

Standards-aligned and Integrated Curriculum	Sequencing and Articulation	Student Assessment	Prepared and Effective Program Staff	Engaging Instruction	Access and Equity	Facilities, Equipment, Technology and Materials	Business and Community Partnerships	Student Career Development	Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)	Work-based Learning	Data and Program Improvement
Framework Integration	Framework Integration	Framework Integration		Framework Integration			Framework Integration		Framework Integration	Framework Integration	
Career Essentials Suite	Career Essentials Suite	Career Essentials Suite	Career Essentials Suite	Career Essentials Suite	Career Essentials Suite		Career Essentials Suite	Career Essentials Suite	Career Essentials Suite	Career Essentials Suite	Career Essentials Suite
Program of Work		CEP for Program of Work		Program of Work	Program of Work		Program of Work	Program of Work	Program of Work		Program of Work
		SkillsUSA Championships		SkillsUSA Championships		SkillsUSA Championships	SkillsUSA Championships	SkillsUSA Championships	SkillsUSA Championships		
			Classroom Management			Classroom Management					
				Chapter Management					Chapter Management		
				Leadership Development					Leadership Development		