

MICRO-CREDENTIALS

DIGITAL BADGES



Competency-Based Recognition for Afterschool Professionals

WHAT ARE MICRO-CREDENTIALS?

Micro-credentials are mini-certifications earned by demonstrating competency of a specific skill.

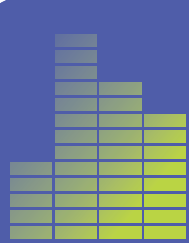
WHAT ARE DIGITAL BADGES?

Digital badges are visual representations of skills and achievements, such as micro-credentials, earned through specific programs, courses, or other activities.


BADGES ARE



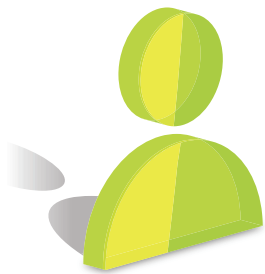
TRANSFERRABLE AND ALLOW EARNERS TO SHARE achievements on social networking profiles, job sites, websites and more.



STACKABLE and can build upon each other and stacked to tell the full story of skills and achievements.



EVIDENCE-BASED Each badge has important metadata which is hard-coded into the badge image file that links back to the issuer, criteria and verifying evidence.



BADGE EARNERS

BADGE CONSUMERS

BADGE ISSUERS

Formal and informal education providers, employers, communities, or other groups that have a need for a people with the verified skills and achievements represented by a particular badge.

Individuals who are learning and want to demonstrate a complete and verifiable picture of their knowledge, competencies, and achievements.

Groups that create credentials to demonstrate mastery of skills and achievements that are of particular value to the issuer. The badge issuer determines the criteria for earning the badge, including the required curriculum, competencies, and assessments to determine if the earner has acquired the necessary skills for the badge.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS

of micro-credentials digital badges in the afterschool field?

ALLOWS INDIVIDUALS TO DEVELOP AND SHOW COMPETENCY in specific skills necessary for high quality facilitation of Out-of-School time learning.

PROVIDES CONSUMERS with a way of verifying skills and achievements of individuals.

Having educators who have earned micro-credentials and digital badges benefits everyone in the learning ecosystem and ultimately has a positive impact on children and youth.