



Standard Definition of Micro-credentials and Guiding Principles for the development of Micro-credentials Standards

Definition

A micro-credential is a certification of assessed competencies that is additional, alternate, complementary to, or a component of a formal qualification.

Guiding Principles

1. Micro-credentials can be a complement to traditional credentials (certificate, diploma, degree or post-graduate certificate) or stand alone.
2. Micro-credentials are subject to a robust and rigorous quality assurance process.
3. Micro-credentials should represent competencies identified by employers/industry sectors to meet employer needs.
4. Micro-credentials may provide clear and seamless pathways across different credentials (both non-credit and credit) and may be stackable.
5. Micro-credentials are based on assessed proficiency of a competency, not on time spent learning.
6. Micro-credentials are secure, trackable, portable and competency is documented in students' academic records.
7. Micro-credentials are to follow institutional approval processes.