

What are Credentials?



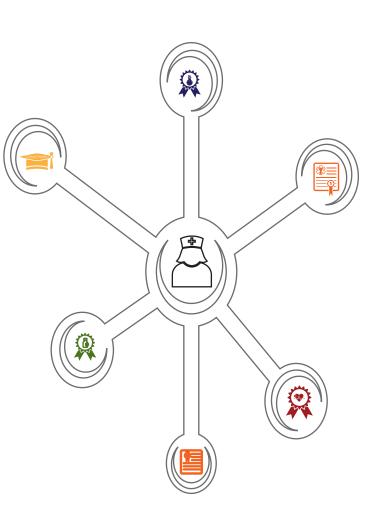


A documented award by a responsible and authorized body that has determined that an individual has achieved specific learning outcomes relative to a given standard. Credential in this context is an umbrella term that includes degrees, diplomas, licenses, certificates, badges, and professional/industry certifications.

What are Connected Credentials?

A broad term encompassing the connections and relationships between and among credentials - be they lateral, latticed, nested, build or stack connections. This includes connections to purpose and value in multiple contexts and connections to opportunities for credential earners.²





Connected Credentials Bring Together ALL Learning To Transparently Showcase the Skills & Knowledge of a Learner.

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