Badges

Badges represent a way of acknowledging achievements or skill acquisition more granular than a college degree. The resources below provide an overview of the uses of badges and their implications for how individual accomplishments can be awarded, recognized, and shared.

Case Study: Mozilla Open Badges
MAY 2012
This case study from the EDUCAUSE book Game Changers explores alternative ways for learners to receive recognition for skills and achievements gained outside of the school environment, such as open credentialing and accreditation for all types of learning, including informal and interest-driven.

ELI Webinar: Digital Badges as an Open Passport for Learning
JANUARY 2013
Kyle Bowen, director of informatics at Purdue University, discusses ways Purdue is integrating badging into teaching and learning, using their application Passport as a way to engage students and provide a new means of assessing learning.

ELI Webinar: Digital Badges and Meaningful Microcredentials
OCTOBER 2012
Executive Producer of LearningTimes and Director of the BadgeStack Project Jonathan Finkelstein explores informal and nontraditional learning environments, their impact on education, as well as trends in microcredentialing and badge-empowered learning.

7 Things You Should Know About Badges
JUNE 2012
This ELI 7 Things brief explores badges that may be awarded by institutions, organizations, groups, or individuals, as a vehicle to recognize accomplishments, such as completion of a project, mastery of a skill, or marks of experience.

A Future Full of Badges
APRIL 2012
In this article, Kevin Carey details how a badge system at one higher education institution (UC Davis, in this case) can support a program’s core competencies by organizing evidence of both formal and informal learning, from within traditional higher education and without.

Badges for Lifelong Learning
APRIL 2013
This HASTAC-curated resource provides a comprehensive list of examples in which badging is being used to support learning in a variety of contexts, including higher education.

EDUCAUSE and ELI Badging Resources
MAY 2013
This resource collects the most recent and comprehensive resources related to badging in education including webinars, articles, presentations, and cases.