

TAXONOMY OF MICRO-CREDENTIALS

KSU supports four types of micro-credentials. Each type is distinguished by the level of activity required by the learner to obtain the micro-credential.

Souvenirs document participation and are best suited for engagement in extra-curricular activities, attendance at one or more events, or active membership in a KSU organization. Participation should be meaningful and value adding for the participant but reflection or a tangible submission from participants not necessary. As a unique type of micro-credential, souvenirs are covered in further detail later in this document.

Level I Badges* document introduction to skills and competencies gained from opportunities for personal, career, and professional development. Level I Badges should demonstrate learning, but not mastery, and involve practicing skills and competencies in a simulated environment. Level I Badges require some artifact to be submitted and assessed by Grantors before being awarded.

Level II Badges* document skills and competencies that have professional and career value. Learner activities should demonstrate mastery of skills and competencies and take place in professional environments. Level II Badges require some artifact to be submitted and assessed by Grantors before being awarded.

Digital Certificates show a learner is qualified and capable of employing a collection of competencies or industry standards in professional environments. Multiple pre-defined Level II Badges may be combined together to create a Digital Certificate.

*Both levels of Badges allow learners to pursue distinction, or special recognition. Distinction criteria is determined by the grantor at the time a micro-credential is proposed.

Table: Kennesaw State University Taxonomy of Micro-credentials

	SOUVENIR	BADGE – Level I	BADGE – Level II	DIGITAL CERTIFICATE
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aware • Attendance • Participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practiced • Achievement • Demonstration of learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competent • Skilled • Demonstration of mastery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified
Learner Activity	Awareness, Attendance, Physical or Virtual Presence	Demonstration of specific skill, vocabulary, or knowledge in simulated or non-authentic environments	Demonstration of specific skill or competency applicable in professional environments	Demonstration of a collection of competencies or industry standards
Assessment	Attendance record	Submission evaluated by an expert for quality or completeness	Submission evaluated by an expert for quality. Should be uploaded to Badgr as Evidence.	Submission evaluated by an expert for quality. Should be uploaded to Badgr as Evidence.
Special Recognition		Distinction option	Distinction option	
Metadata Required			Learner-made artifacts or successful completion of an industry exam leading to certification	Learner-made artifacts or multiple stacked level II badges
Approval Required	Student Centered-Owl Life Owl Life Centered-Micro-Credential Coordinator	Micro-Credential Committee	Micro-Credential Committee	Micro-Credential Committee