Micro-credentials within the University Ecosystem
A Primer Course

2 separate cohorts • 4 weeks total • 2 hours each week

Course Goal

The goal is to broaden the understanding of the use of micro-credentials within the higher-education ecosystem among the faculty and instructional design staff of the University of Texas System. Participants engage with each module via vignettes, interactives, practice questions, and surveys. Four live virtual sessions are included throughout the course where participants engage in small group and panel discussions with guest speakers.

✦ WELCOME PRIMER

Let's shake hands. We kick-off the course by providing participants the goal, objectives, outline, key terminology, and a guide on how to be successful in this course. A micro-credential readiness survey will be issued to check participants prior knowledge.

✦ MOD 1: Intro to Micro-credentials

A whole new world. We start module 1 by introducing the participants to the world of micro-credentials. We cover the history, driving forces, a taxonomy of terms, policy and guiding principles, and introduction to the Texas Credentials for the Future Task Force.

Live virtual session: (June 7th & July 19th)

✦ MOD 2: Micro-credential Specifications

Let's dive into the specifics. In module 2, we explore the specifications of micro-credentials including team identification, literature and market review, setting program goals, collaboration, flexibility, and innovation.

Live virtual session: (June 14th & July 26th)

✦ MOD 3: Best Practices in Micro-credential Design

To be the best, we must cover best practices. In this module we cover the best practices in micro-credential design to include transparency, modularity, stackability, portability, relevance, validity, accessibility, and equity.

Live virtual session: (June 21st & August 2nd)

✦ MOD 4: Deliverables & Takeaways

Let's bring it home. In this module we wrap up the course by summarizing the key material and provide an avenue for continued exploration. Participants will complete a micro-credential questionnaire which includes prompts covering ideation of learning targets, best practices for micro-credentials, and executing a micro-credential.

Live virtual session: (June 28th & August 9th)

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