

## Statement in Support of Credential Engine December 2017

The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) is pleased to partner with Credential Engine to help develop the Credential Registry to assist learners in meeting their educational goals. The Credential Registry represents the most promising effort to assemble information about the diverse array of credentials available in the educational and technical marketplace.

“Today’s learners face a daunting task of trying to align their educational and learning history with programs that will provide them with the opportunity to build on their educational experiences and earn a credential that will advance them in their careers. The challenge of trying to do this on your own is illustrated by the tremendous number of adults with some college and no degree or credential. The Credential Registry will assemble the array of available credentials in a learner friendly manner” said Mike Reilly, Executive Director of AACRAO.

The work of Credential Engine aligns well with the goals of the AACRAO/NASPA: Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education, Comprehensive Learner Record (CLR) project. The CLR Project, generously supported by the Lumina Foundation, will focus on the development and implementation of a single learner record across a broad number of American colleges and universities. The CLRs seek to capture, record, and communicate learning when and where it happens in a student’s higher education experience. This includes learning outcomes from courses, program and degrees, as well as experience they have outside the classroom that help develop their career ready skills and abilities.

Several of the institutions that were part of the first phase of the CLR project (formerly the CSR project) are also engaged with Credential Engine. The overlap between these two projects is intentional and highlights work in these areas by some of America’s most innovative and forward-thinking colleges and universities.

“The work of AACRAO, NASPA and Credential Engine represent critically needed bridges between those who seek post-secondary training and education to improve their lives and pursue their passions, those who provide that training and education, and those who seek trained, educated people for the workforce,” said Tom Green, Associate Executive Director of AACRAO and project lead for the CLR/CSR project.