Institutional Guidance Signaling Expectations for Credential Transparency

Educational technology products play a key role in managing credential data (such as, official descriptions, costs and fees, courses, assessments, competencies, websites, etc.) and as such it is important for these products to support publishing services. Individual institutions, as well as systems, must select, upgrade, and/or maintain educational technology products that will meet not only short-term needs, but that will also implement a credential data infrastructure to support long-term institutional stability and growth. By creating transparent, linked data, the Credential Registry and Credential Transparency Description Language (CTDL), support such an infrastructure.

The following statement has been developed in consultation with Credential Engine’s Higher Education Advisory Group to help communicate institutional expectations for credential data transparency. The statement can be inserted verbatim, or modified as needed, into a variety of documents including requests for information (RFI), request for proposals (RFP), procurement policies, public websites, etc.

Credential Transparency Statement

[Your Organization] requires educational technology products that manage credential data to also support services for publishing/updating those data with the Credential Engine Registry. The scope of this requirement encompasses any information that can be encoded by the Credential Transparency Description Language (CTDL) and included in the Credential Engine Registry Profile of CTDL. Publishing/updating of these data can occur either via bulk upload or an integration utilizing Credential Engine’s Registry Assistant API. Credential Engine is a non-profit organization that has developed tools and services to find, understand, and compare information about credentials in user-friendly formats on the modern web.

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