



The CTDL allows credential providers to publish information about costs in a variety of ways; as with other key features of credentials, information about costs should be complete and consistent enough that it drives comparability as well as clear and easy to understand.

Credential Engine recommends the following information should be published to accomplish these goals. For more information about how to publish this information, see our publishing guidance [here](#).

Degrees & Credit-Bearing Certificates:

- Publish via cost manifest for the institution:
 - Annual tuition OR per credit tuition for full-time enrollment for both in- and out-of-state students.
 - Any additional mandatory fees
 - Description that summarizes costs. Example: “Annual tuition includes tuition and mandatory fees, based on 15 credit hours per semester, for a total of 30 credit hours per academic year. For more information about costs of room and board, books, etc. visit the linked website.”*
 - Link to institution’s tuition + fees webpage*
- Publish via cost profile for individual programs:
 - Program-specific fees

Certifications, Licenses, Badges, Non-Credit Certificates, and Other Credentials

- Publish via cost profile for each credential:
 - All required costs, such as program, exam, and/or application fees. Can be broken out into each category, or summed as a total cost.
 - Description that summarizes costs. Example “Costs include exam and application fees. For more information visit the linked website.”*
 - Link to organization’s webpage that lists cost information.*

*Required fields



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