Badges have created a common language between employers, students, job seekers, and educators. Making the connection between CTE and badges is easy: CTE focuses on increasing student competence and badges provide a way to transparently display student competence, making badges a clear choice for skill validation. NOCTI’s badge research also confirmed that badges increase CTE student motivation and engagement. So, what’s not to love?

Students achieving a 70% score on a NOCTI multiple-choice credential will not only be eligible to earn a college credit recommendation report, but they will also have access to a digital badge recognizing their achievement!

What are Open Badges?

Open badges, also known as digital badges, capitalize on technology and offer a means to “display” and validate individual achievements, as well as verify technical competence through projects, programs, courses, assessments, and other activities.

How Are Badges Recognized?

The education system is beginning to embrace badges as a way to enhance student learning through greater engagement. Badges provide a new way to validate skills. From being used as a tool to impact student retention and motivation, potentially recognizing achievements outside of the classroom, and allowing employers to find candidates with specific skills, badges have the potential to impact secondary and post-secondary education, as well as the workforce.

What are the Benefits of Badges?

Badges promote a three-dimensional picture of an individual, allowing viewers to see beyond a report card. There is also an efficiency benefit; individuals have the ability to store, update, and share skills in a cloud-based environment essentially with 24/7 access!