

The Office of Continuing and Distance Education (OCDE) is excited to issue digital badges as evidence that earners have attended, participated in, or otherwise completed specific criteria for OCDE workshops. Currently we offer 11 badges and the list will continue to grow. For a list of the current OCDE badges, please visit our website at:
<http://www.kent.edu/onlineteaching/workshops/badges/badge-descriptions>

What is a badge?

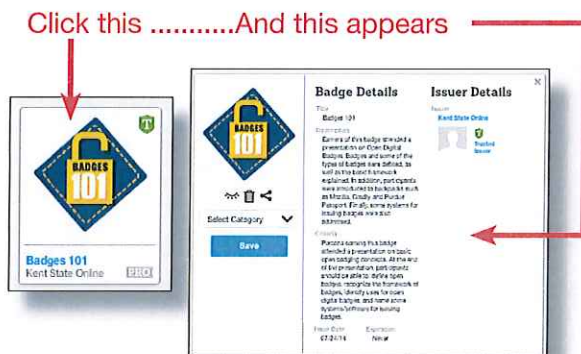
The MacArthur Foundation defines a badge as “a validated indicator of accomplishment, skill, quality or interest.” Traditional badges are often sewn or pinned on uniforms like those worn by policemen, military, etc. They often visually inform an accomplishment or rank of the person wearing the badge. Badges are also given for attending anything from conferences to museums and are often called buttons.

A *digital* badge also informs the viewer of accomplishments and ranks of the owner, except a digital badge is an *Online* record of achievement. This online representation tracks the issuer of the badge and the work completed to get it.

Why might you want a digital badge?

Badges will make keeping track of your professional development easier. Instead of gathering certificates and letters of accomplishments together, printing or scanning them so you can show them to the interested party, you can simply supply a link to your badges.

The viewer clicks on the badge to view a description of the badge and the criteria for earning the badge.

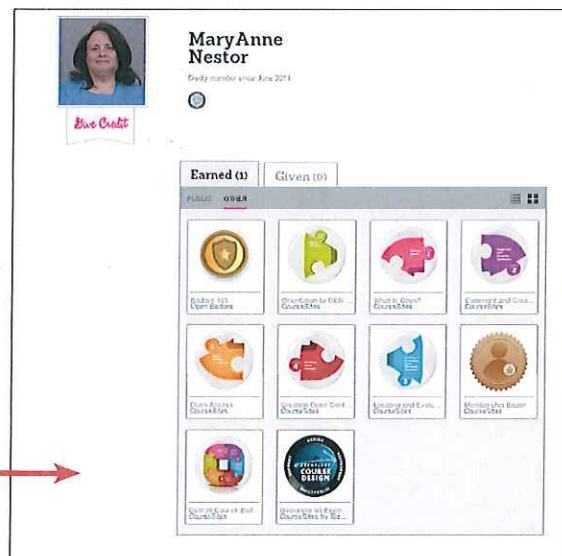


What do you do with your badges you have earned?

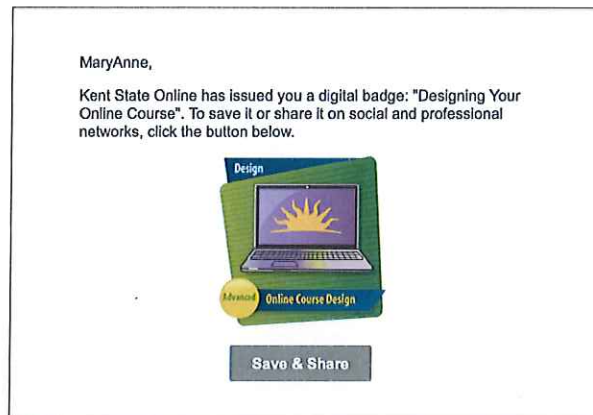
As more and more organizations are awarding badges, all your badges can be kept in one place. Badges are aggregated online in “backpacks.” Two of the most popular backpacks are Mozilla open backpack and Credly. OCDE will be issuing badges through Credly. (Credly.com)

Right, is an example of a backpack.

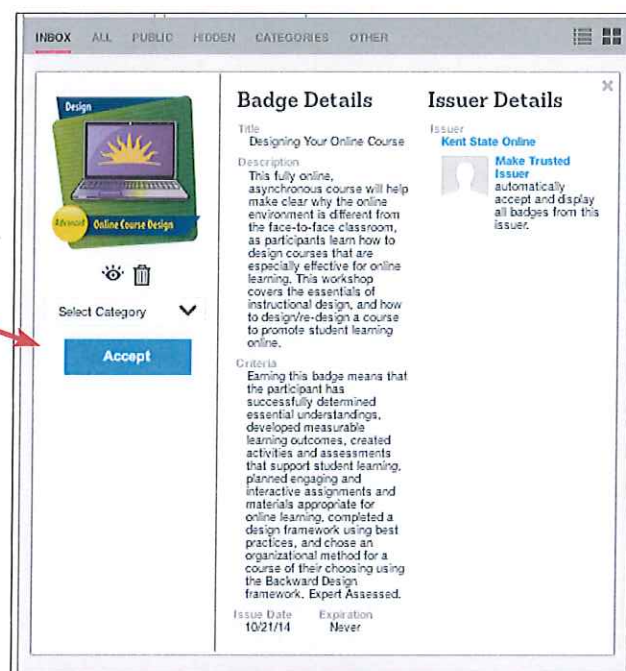
MaryAnne's Backpack →



Once you have been awarded a badge, you will receive an email from Credly asking you to accept the badge.



The first time you accept a badge, you will be asked to create a Credly account if you don't already have one. Once you have a Credly account, accept the badge and it will be placed into your backpack.



To share your backpack, copy the url link from your backpack. (By the way, you can make badges public or private.)

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