DEFINITIONS:

- Certificates
  - Comfortable, familiar. Typically issued by institutions for programs of student that do not culminate in a degree.

- Microcredentialing
  - Granular, digitally presented certifications offering evidence an individual has mastered a skill or specific area of knowledge.

- Digital Badge
  - “a visual way of displaying both curricular and cocurricular experiences and achievements” (Fain, 2016)
  - offered via Credly (and others)

- Nanodegree
  - Online certification training in a very specific skillset; example: Udacity’s technical nanodegrees in areas such as “Android App Development”

- Infographic (Pearson & UPCEA)

RESOURCES TO EXPLORE:

General resources to consider:


Also see the EDUCAUSE Library resources:

- https://library.educause.edu/topics/teaching-and-learning/badges
- http://www.educause.edu/badging

And national initiative info:

- Connecting Credentials: over 100 co-sponsors working on a national dialogue and creating resources for a standardized learning-based credentialing system
- Credential Transparency Initiative: aligning workforce needs to corporate and higher education models, testing one database model