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Digital Badges Validate Skills for Students with Special Needs

A digital badge program should easily and clearly validate and verify achievements for employers.

EdScoop's* [Stacey Pusey](#) highlighted a recent national webinar which addressed and outlined solutions to the transition gap for students with special needs.

'Students with special needs struggle to graduate from high school and earn a diploma, much less pursue higher education or gain meaningful employment. Sometimes, this can be attributed to a skills gap between the desired career and the student's training. Many times, though, the problem is also a communication gap.'

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Digital Badge Credentials are an important tool in skill validation to help bridge the gap for all students, including those with special needs. Digital Badge Credentials are electronic awards recognizing specific student performance. The receipt of a Digital Badge Credential signifies that the student has completed specific curriculum and demonstrated the necessary competencies to show concept proficiency.



'If the badges are going to have meaning... a curriculum must have the same characteristics as other subjects. For example, the curriculum should be evidence-based and have progress monitoring so that educators can make data-based decisions on next steps as students plan their careers.'

We want to thank edScoop for featuring our presentation as a key element of this article. We are proud that our curriculum is a part of the movement to close the transition gap between education and employment. Now students with special needs, including autism and other significant challenges, have the opportunity to showcase their skills to potential employers.

*With topics ranging from STEM to data sharing, the online publication [EdScoop](#) features the latest news and conversations among the top leaders driving technology and digital learning in K-12 and higher education. Stacey Pusey is a contributing author to EdScoop.

Digital Badge Credentials: Preparing Students with Special Needs for Employment

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[We partnered with NOCTI and Dr. Amy Spriggs for a professional development webinar discussing Digital Badge Credentials](#)

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