Credential Transparency in Indiana & Why It's Important

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WHAT IS CREDENTIAL TRANSPARENCY?



WHAT IS A "CREDENTIAL"?

- An award given to an individual signifying mastery of competencies validated by the authorized entity issuing the award
- Diplomas, certificates, and degrees, but also:
 - Licenses
 - Micro-credentials
 - Industry or professional certifications
 - Apprenticeships
 - Military training





WHAT IS "TRANSPARENCY"?

- Providing adequate information about the credential itself and the credential issuer
- Describing the information in a consistent way
- Linking the information together so it's not siloed
- Easily navigating the information
- Providing learners equitable access to the information





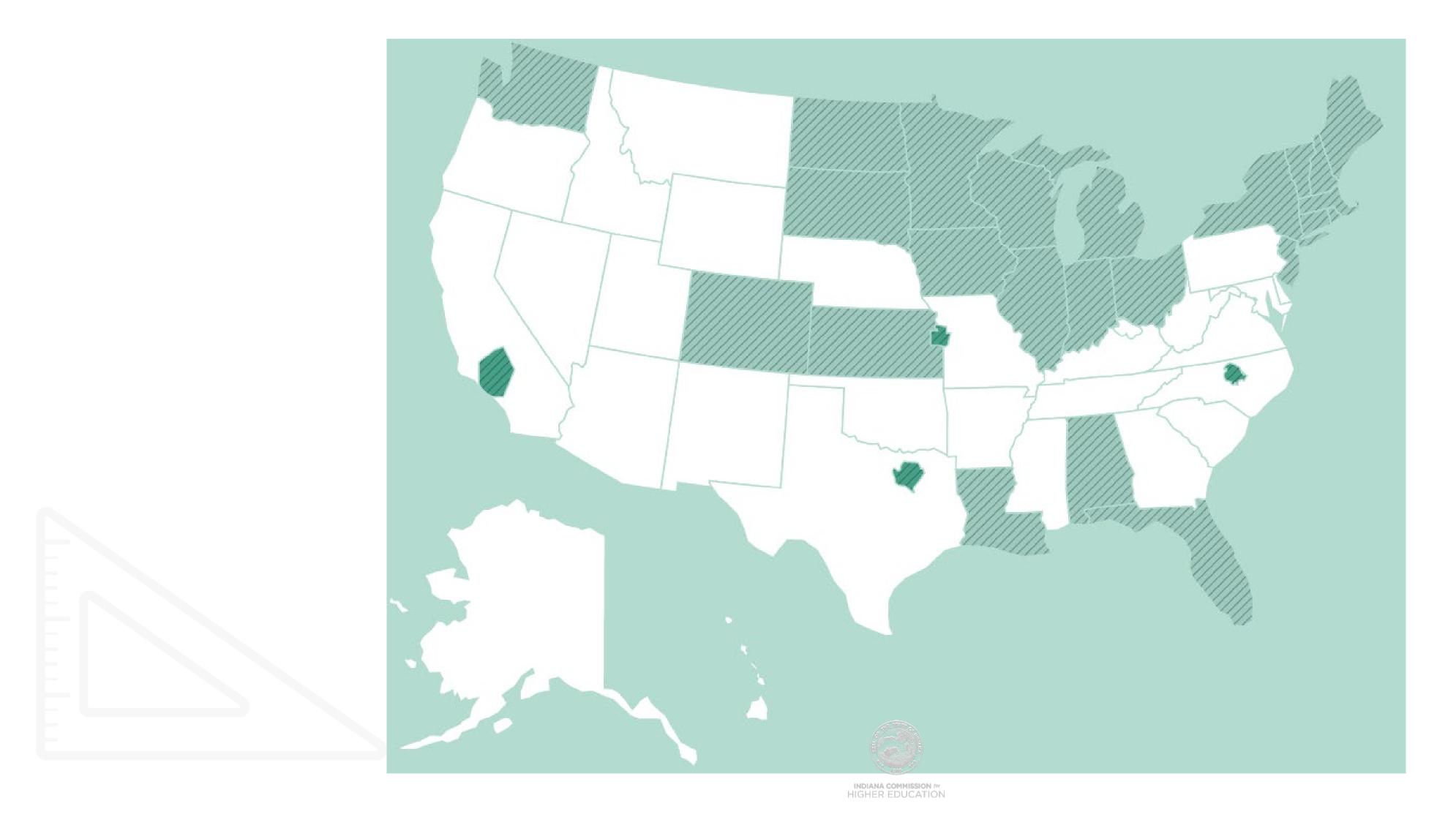
ACHIEVING CREDENTIAL TRANSPARENCY

Credential Engine:

- Created in December 2016 as a public service non-profit
- A vendor-agnostic platform totally focused on credential transparency
- Common language and technical standards for publishing data
- Enjoys strong, national support
- Indiana 1st state to scale-up Credential Engine (March 2017)



27 STATES/REGIONS SCALING UP CREDENTIAL ENGINE



STRONG SUPPORT FOR CREDENTIAL ENGINE

FUNDERS ENDORSERS





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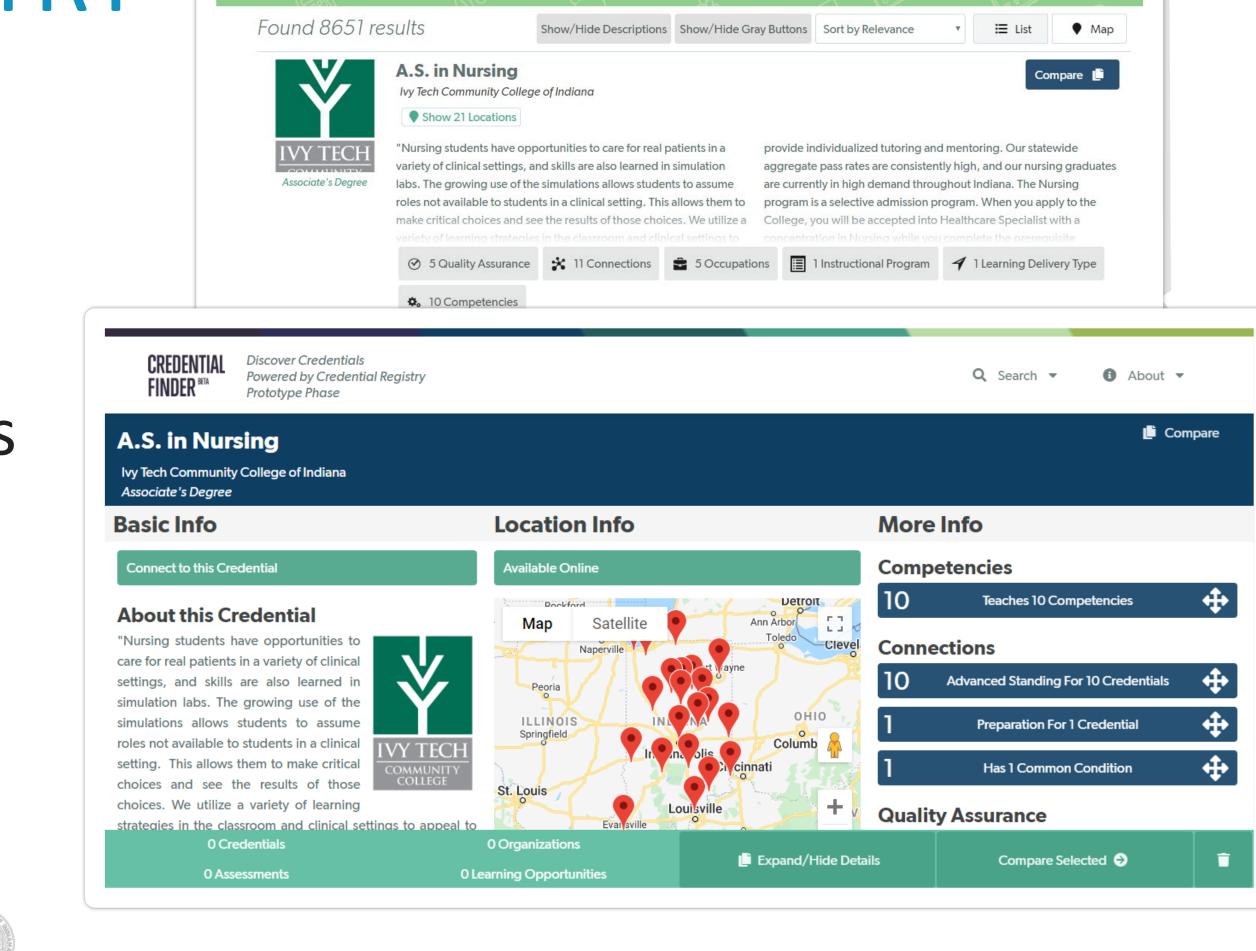


CREDENTIAL TRANSPARENCY IN INDIANA



PROGRAMS PUBLISHED TO THE INDIANA CREDENTIAL REGISTRY

- Public Sector:
 - All 2- and 4-year campuses
 - All certificate & degree programs
 - All levels
- Two Private, Non-Profit Institutions
- ► 3,000+ Indiana Credentials



A.S. in Nursing (Ivy Tech Community Col

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Search

Credentials

Powered by Credential Registry



MORE DATA TO BE PUBLISHED - 1

- Return on Investment (ROI) data
- Transfer options (TSAPS published, more coming)
- Accreditation (some published, more coming)
- Competencies for Ivy Tech, Purdue Global
- Governor's Workforce Cabinet, Next Level Programs of Study (CTE Programs)





MORE DATA TO BE PUBLISHED - 2

- Department of Workforce Development
 - ► INTraining, including Eligible Trainer Provider List (ETPL)
 - Promoted Certifications
 - Registered apprenticeships
- Professional Licensing Agency, all licenses & boards
- Department of Education, Teacher education





HIGH SCHOOLS AND THE INDIANA COLLEGE CORE

- The Indiana College Core:
 - ► 30-semester hours
 - Competency-based
 - Transfers and applies throughout the public sector as a block
- Almost 100 high schools meet criteria for a delivery site for the Core
- These high schools are published to the Indiana Credential Registry





INTEGRATION WITH SEARCH TOOLS

LearnMore's School Finder



- Career Explorer
 - Free tool for exploring careers consistent with an individual's interests & aptitudes
 - Applicable to learners of all ages
 - Statewide contract with Futures, Inc.
 - Launched August 1, 2021





INTEGRATION WITH e-TRANSCRIPTS

- Indiana's e-Transcript Program:
 - High school-to-college & college-to-college (started)
 - Parchment, the platform for e-Transcripts
- Ivy Tech licenses Parchment's digital credential product, which
 - Provides access to information published about the credential in the Indiana
 Credential Registry





WHY IS CREDENTIAL TRANSPARENCY IMPORTANT?



IMPORTANCE OF CREDENTIAL TRANSPARENCY - 1

Learners want and need flexibility

- Combats skepticism about higher education
- Promotes lifelong learning, multiple on-ramps, off-ramps
- Keeping current with workforce needs
- Presents pathways, emphasizing stackable credentials





IMPORTANCE OF CREDENTIAL TRANSPARENCY - 2

Fosters Improved Decision-Making

- Presents learners with reliable, curated information
- Allows learners to compare programs

Recognizes Learning Can Take Place in Multiple Ways

Emphasis on competencies, quality assurance





IMPORTANCE OF CREDENTIAL TRANSPARENCY - 3

Promotes State-Level Collaboration

- State agency personnel, processes
- Data systems
- Software applications







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