

Getting Started

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Overview

- About K-State Microcredentials definition
- **Discover** industry skills and relevance
- Consider credit or noncredit

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• **Develop** – title, academic unit, modality, level

- Propose major academic unit and university approvals
- **Design** approval notification and design
- Launch enroll, earn and award digital badge
- Resources K-State and Global Campus support

K-State Microcredentials Definition

Microcredentials comprise relevant, high-quality market-aligned short units of learning and offer pathways to achieve affordable, accessible, focused and immediately acknowledged learning opportunities. Microcredential offerings can be credit bearing or noncredit bearing and have the following characteristics:







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Flexible Delivery

Credit or Noncredit



In Demand



Skills-Based



Sharable





Getting Started: The Process



Discover

As you consider a K-State Microcredential, do you have...

- College/department support
- Workforce relevant skills/competencies
- Market analysis and evidence of demand
- High educational standards

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- Ability to measure skills or competencies
- Interest from a target audience
- Promotion plan
- Design focused on working professionals

Does the microcredential fall under one of the categories defined by Lightcast, a service that identifies real-time trends in labor market analytics?

https://lightcast.io/open-skills/categories



Discover



Categories

Administration	Agriculture, Horticulture, and Landscaping	Analysis	Architecture and Construction	Business	Customer and Client Support
Design	Economics, Policy, and Social Studies	Education and Training	Energy and Utilities	Engineering	Environment
Finance	Health Care	Hospitality and Food Services	Human Resources	Information Technology	Law, Regulation, and Compliance
Maintenance, Repair, and Facility Services	Manufacturing and Production	Marketing and Public Relations	Media and Communications	Performing Arts, Sports, and Recreation	Personal Care and Services
Physical and Inherent Abilities	Property and Real Estate	Public Safety and National Security	Sales	Science and Research	Social and Human Services
Transportation, Supply Chain, and Logistics					





Has a market analysis been performed by K-State's Market Intelligence and Analysis team?

global.k-state.edu/market-research/



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Market Intelligence and Analysis Team <u>marketanalysis@ksu.edu</u>







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Consider

Credit microcredentials

Current credit processes apply:

- KSIS for enrollment
- Canvas learning management system (requires eID)

- Less than 12 credit hours
- Stackable microcredentials encouraged





Consider

Noncredit microcredentials

Noncredit considerations:

- Noncredit registration system
- CanvasPro learning management system (email address access)
- Flexible setup, pricing, length, etc.
- For professionals who do not need and are not seeking credit toward a degree





Develop

Contact <u>microcred@ksu.edu</u> to get started...

Initial information needed:

- Major Academic Unit
- Contact information
- Microcredential Title

- Level (Credit UG or G, Noncredit)
- Modality (in person, online, hybrid)



Develop

...or submit microcredential information form

Discover Consider Develop Propose Launch

Microcredential Information Form

The <u>Microcredential Information Form</u> notifies us that you are ready to begin developing a microcredential and would like to start the process.

You will be asked to provide your contact information and some information about the proposed microcredential.

Once the proposal form is submitted, a Global Campus program administrator will contact you to discuss next steps.



Propose

Internal Major Academic Unit review and approval and Faculty Senate approval

- Internal review process of the college or Major Academic Unit
- Official forms and Faculty Senate approvals





Microcredential Approval Policy

Approved by FS Academic Affairs on March 21, 2023

- Major Academic Unit informs Graduate Council and Faculty Senate of their internal processes
- Permanent, term and noncredit microcredential approvals





Internal Process (sample)

- 1. Discuss initial idea with department chair
- 2. Bring idea to your campus microcredential contact (Discover), then create microcredential (clarify information and process), draft/review proposal for Curriculog and Digital Badge Information Form.
 - a. Key questions at this stage: Noncredit or credit? If credit, permanent or term approval?
- 3. Meet with MAU Chair of Academic Affairs to complete Curriculog entry and begin MAU approval.
- 4. Proposal has department level approval
- 5. Proposal has college level approval at Faculty Assembly

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Propose

Submit official forms to begin approval process and initiate setup of a K-State Microcredential

- Curriculog Approval Credit
- Curriculog Approval Noncredit
- Digital Badge Information Form (submit with Curriculog approval request)

Forms and additional resources are available at microcredentials.k-state.edu/faculty-and-staff-resources









Sample Noncredit Badge Design

Sample Credit Badge Design



Sample Digital Badge with Metadata

Example of a noncredit digital badge with metadata

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Design

Build your K-State Microcredential

- Faculty Senate approval notification
- Instructional design resources
 - Global Campus instructional design team <u>gcid@ksu.edu</u>
 - Teaching and Learning Center <u>k-state.edu/tlc/</u>
 - Office of Assessment <u>k-state.edu/assessment/</u>





Launch

Publish and enroll microcredential learners

- Microcredential published on K-State Microcredentials website
- Enrollment/registration



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Microcredentials showcase the knowledge you've acquired on the road to mastering skills in your area of interest. Smaller than a minor, certificate or degree program, microcredentials equip learners with digital badges that showcase achievement and demonstrated skills.





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College of Business Administration Description:

This microcredential in accounting analytics is designed to help you develop data analytical skills that can be utilized in all areas of accounting, from large organizations to running your own business.

Accounting professionals who can interpret financial data and tell a compelling story with numbers are in high demand. Learn the skills needed to transform data into actionable insights that can drive strategic decisions, optimize processes and make informed financial recommendations.

LEVEL	WHO IS ELIGIBLE
Foundational	Anyone

INSTRUCTION METHOD

Online

TIME TO COMPLETE Months

CREDIT OR NONCREDIT Noncredit

Instructor: Brooke Bever Associate Professor - Department of

More information: microcred@k-state.edu

Accounting

SKILLS OBTAINED Data Analytics Data Visualization Data Literacy Tableau (Business Intelligence Software) Audit Analytics Managerial Accounting Analytics Financial Accounting Analytics Tax Analytics

Learn More or Register

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OFFICE HOURS Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Central

Earn and Award Digital Badge

- Learner successfully completes K-State Microcredential
- Microcredential earner information is entered in Credly, K-State's digital badge system
- Earner accepts badge and shares via LinkedIn, email and other digital platforms





Microcredentials Process Overview

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