



# Utah Digital Badges



## What is a Digital Badge?

Digital badges, also known as microcredentials, represent evidence-based instructional skills or concepts. A digital badge is proof that the badge-earner has demonstrated that she effectively and consistently uses the target skill or concept as a part of her instructional practice.

## Who Can Earn a Digital Badge?

Any educator in Utah's K-12 public education system can earn U-Badges. This includes educators in both district schools and charters. We strive to develop badges that can be earned by educators in a range of roles, including classroom teachers, instructional coaches, counselors, administrators, etc.

## Why Earn Digital Badges?

Digital badges give the badge-earner two things: bragging rights and USBE credits. You'll want to post your badges for others to see on social media and include them on your resume so employers can see your skillset. U-Badges are worth either **0.25 or 0.5 USBE credits**, depending on the skill or concept they represent.

## Four Steps to Earn a Digital Badge:



1. Browse the U-Badge catalog in MIDAS and choose the badge you want to earn.



2. Collect the evidence demonstrating your use of the target skill or concept.



3. Upload your evidence in MIDAS.



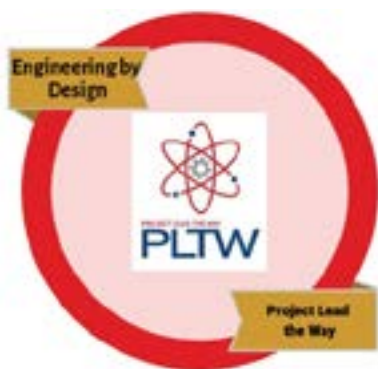
4. Respond to the reflection prompts in MIDAS.



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Digital badges honor adult learning styles. They are **not** based on seat time or completing assignments. Instead, digital badges are earned by demonstrating competency with evidence.



Head to MIDAS to Browse the Digital Badge Catalog:  
<http://usbe.midaseducation.com>