

# Making Learning Visible With Badges

## This Spring,

TEL is launching its Student Learning Dashboard to help students better understand what they are learning and how it applies to their longer academic and career goals. It's one of our first steps in building demonstrable equity for our students. A primary goal of the Learning Dashboard is to make learning visible for students. **We use badges to help us achieve this goal.**

## What is badging?



Badging is a form of gamified learning in which motivational elements of games, such as points, tokens, badges, and trophies, are earned to incentivize learners to continue in their learning journey.

Badges are a visual representation of skills and competencies at a granular level. Badging helps break down the traditional curriculum into tangible and relevant pieces that are easier to understand.

## Why are we using badging?

### Helps Make Connections



Badges allow students to see the pieces so they make connections and see progress.

### Extend Learning Past the Course Content:



The visual elements make it obvious how their coursework can apply to other parts of their academic and professional career.

### Badges Are Portable



TEL is using the badging platform Badge so students can take their badges with them after their courses are complete.

### Learning Should Be Obvious



With badges and the Learning Dashboard, we can tell them what they learn, how they can learn it, and help them track their progress in learning.

### Examples of TEL's Badges:



### Mastery Badges:

These badges are mapped to our TEL Mastery Standards.



Students earn **bronze**, **silver**, and **gold** levels of badges as they progress through a competency.

Students can earn badges in each of the competency areas, such as **Reading, Writing, Computation, Critical Thinking, Resource Management.**

Students earn Mastery Badges through completing a variety of assessment items in a course, including the Check Your Knowledge quizzes, Module Quizzes, Exams, and Mastery Assignments. Successfully answering questions or completing projects will award students a set number of points towards earning a badge, depending on the difficulty level of the assessment item. For example, Mastery Assignments are worth more points than a CYK question.

### Coming Soon!



### Achievement Badges

These are small milestone badges to award students as they interact with the platform. Examples of achievement badges are: Logged In to the TEL Site, First Check Your Knowledge Quiz, First Journal Entry, etc.



### Pathway Badges

Students enrolled in a certificate program can earn pathway badges as they progress through the program. Students are required to demonstrate mastery of a skill or specific concept prior to being able to move forward in a certificate program.



### Certificate Badges

Certificate badges are awarded when students complete a certificate program. Certificate badges show a high level of mastery of a skill or specific concept. Students are required to earn pathway badges that assess foundational skills required to demonstrate mastery of the certificate program. These programs are competency-based and students cannot earn the badges or move forward in the program without demonstrating mastery in each area.