YSU General Education Micro Credentials Overview – November 20, 2025

Semester	Task	Responsible Party	Date
Fall 2025	Final Testing of Badging/Credentialing System	Blackboard Team/IT	Week of 11/24/25
Fall 2025	Student Communication Campaign for students who will be completing eligible general education courses during Fall 25- this communication will notify students of their eligibility to earn a course badge but that in order to access it, they will need to create an account in Canvasing Credentials (directions for doing so will be provided in this communication).	Blackboard Team/IT	Week of 12/1/25
Fall 2025	Formal communications about the process will be sent out to faculty, advisors, Chairs and Deans. Additionally, Kristine will be sharing a brief overview at the Dec. 3rd Academic Senate meeting	Kristine Still	Week of 12/1/25
Fall 2025	Non credit/zero point credentialing assignment will be added into eligible general education course shells.	Blackboard Team/IT	Week of 12/8/25
Fall 2025	After final course grades are issued by instructors, the credentialing assignment will be marked as "passed." This assignment will identify the course as "passed" and will be the trigger for creating the course badge in the Canvasing Credentials platform.	Blackboard Team/IT	After 12/17/25 – once final grades are submitted by course instructors.

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Fall 2025	Badges will be issued to students (via their Canvas Credential accounts) within the Course Credentialing platform.	Automated	On or after 12/17/25
Spring 2026 and forward	Non credit/zero point credentialing assignment and Credentialing Module (with instructions for students to create Canvas Credential Account) will be added into all eligible general education course shells.	Blackboard Team/IT	TBD
	After final course grades are calculated by instructors, the credentialing assignment will need to be marked as "passed." This course will be the trigger to identifying the course as "passed" and for the creation of the course badge in the Canvasing Credentials platform to occur.	Course Instructor	TBD
	Badges Issued through Course Credentials platform.	Automated	TBD

Most important take aways...

- The only task for instructors (starting in Spring 2026) and going forward will be to mark the "pseudo assignment for the credential" as passed within their BB shell.
- Ensuring that the Credentialing Module and Credential Assignment is not deleted from their BB shell.
- Encouraging students to take advantage of the opportunity by reading the instructions that will be provided in the Credential Module and to reach out to Dr. Still should they have any questions.
- Understanding that students may earn course badges and if they earn 3 course badges within the same grouping, those will fold into a Certified Micro Credential – see link for options -- Microcredentials | YSU