



National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification®

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Digital Badge FAQs

WHAT IS AN OPEN BADGE?

Open badges are web-enabled versions of a credential, certification or learning outcome which can be verified in real-time, online.

HOW DOES MY CERTIFICATION GET DISPLAYED AS A BADGE?

We have partnered with Credly to translate the learning outcomes you've demonstrated into a badge, issued and managed through the company digital badging platform. The technology Credly uses is based on the Open Badge Standards maintained by IMS Global. This enables you to manage, share and verify your competencies digitally.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A BADGE?

Representing your skills as a badge gives you a way to share your abilities online in a way that is simple, trusted and can be easily verified in real time. Badges provide employers and peers concrete evidence of what you had to do to earn your credential and what you're now capable of.

- Have you ever learned a new skill that would be perfect for your clients and then not had an easy way to share this with your coworkers?
- Do you wish you had an image to add to your email signature or online profile that shows what you know or can do?
- Are you looking for a better way to advocate for yourself and your profession?

Badges transform your knowledge, skills, and abilities into a tangible, verifiable tool so you can showcase your professional achievements. Learn it. Earn it. Share it.

WHO IS CREDLY?

Credly is a leader within the digital badging industry. Credly works with credible organizations to provide digital badges to individuals, worldwide. NCTRC has partnered with digital badging provider, [Credly](#), to provide digital badges - a graphical representation of your knowledge and skills.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I'VE EARNED A BADGE?

NCTRC has partnered with Credly to provide digital versions of the CTRS® Credential, CTRS Specialization Area Designation, and Professional Eligibility status. In addition, NCTRC is working collaboratively with other professional organizations and continuing education providers to offer various micro-credentials and their associated digital badges. Once you earn a badge, you will receive an email notification from Credly (admin@credly.com) with instructions for claiming your badge and setting up your account. If you have questions, please contact NCTRC at nctrc@nctrc.org or call 845-639-1439.

WHAT IF I DON'T WANT MY BADGE TO BE PUBLIC?

You can easily configure your privacy settings in Credly. You're in complete control of the information about yourself that is made public.

IS THERE A FEE TO USE CREDLY?

No. This is a service we provide to you, at no cost.

WHAT'S TO KEEP SOMEONE ELSE FROM COPYING MY BADGE AND USING IT?

While badges are simply digital image files, they are uniquely linked to data hosted on Credly. This link to verified data makes them more reliable and secure than a paper-based certificate. It also eliminates the possibility of anyone claiming your credential and your associated identity.

WHERE AND HOW CAN I SHARE MY BADGE THROUGH CREDLY?

You can share your badge directly from Credly to LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook; over email; embedded in a website or in your email signature.

CAN I EXPORT BADGES ISSUED THROUGH CREDLY TO OTHER BADGE-STORING PLATFORMS?

Yes, you can download your badge from the Share Badge page. Your downloaded badge contains Open Badge Infrastructure (OBI) compliant metadata embedded into the image. This allows you to store your badge on other OBI-compliant badge sites, such as the Badgr Backpack.

CAN I IMPORT BADGES ISSUED FROM OTHER PLATFORMS INTO CREDLY?

Not at this time.

CAN I ADD MY BADGE TO MY EMAIL SIGNATURE?

Yes, adding a hyperlinked badge image to your email signature is a great way to make sure your professional network is aware of your certifications, credentials and other badge-worthy recognition. Email clients handle images within signatures differently. Some, like Outlook, require a resized image and a hyperlink. To learn more, visit support.credly.com/hc/en-us/articles/360021221691-Can-I-attach-my-badge-to-my-email-signature.

I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT CREDLY. WHERE CAN I FIND SUPPORT?

You can find tutorials and answers to additional questions here: support.credly.com