SUNY Oswego offers three types of micro credentials: Academic Micro Credential, Skill Badge or Competency Badge. A micro credential is a small plan of study that allows students to gain relevant skills that are needed in today’s workforce. Students successfully completing a SUNY Oswego micro credential will be able to demonstrate specific skill competencies to employers and/or related academic disciplines.

**Badges**

- The SUNY Oswego **Skill Badge** is a non-credit-bearing plan of study that documents the attainment of a discrete, assessable skill.

- The SUNY Oswego **Competency Badge** is a non-credit-bearing plan of study that documents the attainment of one or more discrete, assessable skills.

Curricular requirements of badges may include credit course(s), but the badge is not credit-bearing. Badges may include non-credit components of one or more courses, or one or more non-credit-bearing experiential learning activities or a combination thereof. All non-credit-bearing micro credentials are approved via division-level governance review processes (academic and/or non-academic). Students completing a non-credit-bearing micro credential will receive access to a digital badge, and may receive notation on the co-curricular transcript.

**Academic Micro Credential**

- The SUNY Oswego **Academic Micro Credential** is an approved undergraduate or graduate level credit-bearing course sequence within a single or interdisciplinary program.

Academic Micro Credentials contain a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 17 credit hours of coursework and require a minimum grade of 2.0 in all credit courses taken for the credential (or department-specified grade, which may higher). Classes that require pre-requisites must be met and transfer credits may be applied to the micro credential following existing standards. Eligibility requirements might include a minimum GPA for matriculated students. Eligibility requirements might include both a minimum GPA and/or an application process for non-matriculated students. Non-credit activity may be required in an Academic Micro Credential which can be evaluated for credit equivalency.

All credit-bearing micro credentials are approved via college-wide curriculum processes. Existing programs may have micro credentials embedded in them, where all classes taken would apply to both micro credential and degree. Students completing Academic Micro Credential will receive a notation on their academic transcript as well as access to a digital badge. Courses previously taken as part of a program may be used toward a micro credential, but must be taken within the preceding 5 years (or less at the discretion of the department).

To earn a SUNY Oswego micro credential, 50% of the courses must be taken from SUNY Oswego. There is no limit to the number of micro credentials a student may earn.