

# Ready to Launch

## Micro-credential Implementation Timeline Considerations

Add considerations for setting a timeline below: Set timeline for implementation (recruitment, initial training, submission deadlines, target dates for use of data)

☐ When is the best time for educators to engage with micro-credentials?
☐ When is capacity (available staff or members) optimal?
☐ Do micro-credentials need to be implemented in conjunction with other work?
☐ Is there a target date/time for applying the lessons learned into continuing micro-credential work?

## Implementation Timeline

Activity	Dates
Recruitment List all times, dates, locations	
Initial meeting and/or training Time, date, location	
Survey participants	
Coaching sessions/support sessions	
Submission deadline	
Survey participants/reflection meeting with participants	
Final report Compile data and takeaways and draft report or summary	
Share implementation report or summary	



#### Micro-credential Implementation Promotional/Recruitment Materials

### Videos and Infographics

When developing an appropriate micro-credential implementation for your context, consider the following: supports, location, and currency. Carefully study each chart below. Mix and match these supports, location, and currency components to build your optimal micro-credential implementation model. Be certain to align your model to the goals and objectives for micro-credentials implementation.

- ► Start Earning Micro-credentials-Learn the basic concepts on micro-credentials in this one-minute video www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdWRkl8rDiU
- Professional Learning Journey Infographic-An articulation of the promise of micro-credentials throughout an educator's professional trajectory http://digitalpromise.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/micro-credentials-full-size.png
- ► Earn Micro-credentials Graphic-A graphic illustration of the steps for earning a micro-credential https://i1.wp.com/digitalpromise.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Micro-Credential-Infographic\_2.jpg

#### Papers, Blogs, Articles

- ▶ Micro-credentials for Teachers: What Three Early Adopters Have Learned So Far, Jenny Demonte www.air.org/resource/micro-credentials-teachers-what-three-early-adopters-have-learned-so-far
- Micro-credentials: Driving teacher learning and leadership, Barnett Berry and Karen Cator www.teachingquality.org/micro-credentials-driving-teacher-learning-leadership
- ▶ Micro-credentials: Ushering in teacher-driven performance assessments in the age of ESSA, Barnett Berry www.teachingquality.org/micro-credentials-ushering-in-teacher-driven-performance-assessments-in-the-age-of-essa
- ► Four signs it's time for micro-credentials, Barnett Berry www.teachingquality.org/four-signs-its-time-for-micro-credentials
- ► Personalized Learning...for Teachers! by Center for Teaching Quality community members www.teachingquality.org/personalized-learning-for-teachers
- ► Transforming the Classroom with Micro-credentials, Pat Deklotz http://digitalpromise.org/2016/03/16/transforming-the-classroom-with-micro-credentials
- Micro-credentials for Impact, 2017
   https://learningforward.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/micro-credentials-for-impact.pdf



#### **Micro-credential Survey Sample Questions**

#### General questions

- ▶ Which micro-credential did you submit?
- ▶ How well did the required evidence prove competence?
- ▶ Who might be most interested in submitting this particular micro-credential?
- ▶ Why did you choose to submit this micro-credential?
- ▶ How did this experience compare to other professional learning? Why? What might make it better?
- ▶ What support did you need to complete your submission? Was it provided?
- Was the process worth doing? Would you do it again? Will you submit for another micro-credential? Why or why not?

#### The process

- ▶ How clear are the guidelines?
- ▶ How involved is the process for compiling the evidence?
- ▶ Who else must be involved in completing the submission? Students? Other teachers/colleagues?
- ► Were the word limits adequate?
- ▶ Did the prompt help provide evidence of competence in the area?

#### The content

- ▶ What type of content is addressed?
- ▶ What is the level of need for that type of content in our school, district, affiliate, etc.?
- ▶ What level of expertise is required to complete this micro-credential?

#### The application

- ▶ What applications does the micro-credential process might have on particular skills? Leadership development? Collaboration?
- ▶ Who is the primary beneficiary when a classroom teacher earns a micro-credential? Secondary beneficiary? Others? How do you know?
- ▶ What additional skills did you develop or improve in the submission process for this micro-credential?
- ▶ Would you recommend this opportunity to others? Why or why not?