Working Inventory of Credential Program Information Aggregators

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- Postsecondary
  - Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)
  - National Student Clearinghouse Research Center
  - American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO)
  - EDUCAUSE Core Data Service
  - Guides
    - Peterson’s Guides
    - Fiske Guide to Colleges
    - BigFuture, College Board
    - Princeton Review
  - State government organizations
    - State higher education commissions (members of State Higher Education Executive Officers [SHEEO])
    - State Contacts (per U.S. Department of Education) – by state, the department of education, the higher education agency, special education agency, and adult education agency

- Accredited Postsecondary Programs
  - U.S. Department of Education
    - Database of Accredited Institutions and Programs
    - Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies
    - Regional and National Institutional Accrediting Agencies
    - Accrediting Agencies Recognized for Distance Education and Correspondence Education
    - Accrediting Agencies Recognized for Title IV Purposes
    - Specialized Accrediting Agencies
  - Council for Higher Education Accreditation -- 23,000 accredited degree programs
  - Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Universities
  - Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES)
  - Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC)
  - Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET)
• Industry-recognized Certifications
  o Certification Finder, ETA
  o Industry-recognized Credentials, National Network of Business and Industry Associations
  o Certification Data Exchange Project, ACTE
  o Lists of professional certifications and designations, Wikipedia
    ▪ Areas of Professional Certification
    ▪ List of professional designations in the United States
    ▪ Professional titles and certifications
    ▪ Professional certification (business)
    ▪ Professional certification (computer technology)
  o American Certification Institute
  o National Coalition of Certification Centers
  o Skills USA – Career Essentials Suite
  o Manufacturing Institute – endorsed certifications
  o American Society of Association Executives
  o Certification Testing Services and Networks – General
    ▪ Prometric
    ▪ Certiport
    ▪ Pearson VUE
    ▪ Kryterion Global Testing Solutions
    ▪ PSI Services -- Certification
    ▪ PAN
    ▪ National Center for Competency Testing
    ▪ Castle Worldwide
  o Certification Organizations – Specialized
    ▪ CompTIA
    ▪ Provusion (Pearson VUE)
    ▪ HR Certification Institute
    ▪ Project Management Institute
    ▪ Association of Energy Engineers
    ▪ EC Council
    ▪ Association of Boards of Certification (water and wastewater)
o Certification Course Providers and Test Sites
  ▪ Southern Careers Institute, including Woz U
  ▪ Cengage
  ▪ Devore Technologies
  ▪ New Horizons

• Credential Certification Bodies
  o ANSI Accreditation
  o Institute for Credentialing Excellence
  o National Commission for Certifying Agencies (National Organization for Competency Assurance)
  o International Certification Accreditation Council
  o International Accreditation Service

• Licensing
  o License Finder, ETA
  o Center for the Study of Occupational Regulation
  o Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR)
  o Institute for Justice – License to Work report
  o PSI Services -- Licensing

• Apprenticeships
  o Employment and Training Administration
    ▪ Apprenticeship Finder, Career OneStop
    ▪ ApprenticeshipUSA Toolkit
    ▪ ApprenticeshipUSA Sponsors
    ▪ Apprenticeship Statistics
    ▪ Available Occupations through Apprenticeships
    ▪ Careers with Registered Apprenticeships, My Next Move

o Apprenticeship Services
  ▪ Elite Apprenticeships
  ▪ Apprenti
  ▪ Franklin Apprenticeships
  ▪ TranZed Apprenticeship Services
  ▪ TradesEDU
  ▪ Amazing Apprenticeships
  ▪ GetApprenticeship
State and local apprenticeship sites

- State Apprenticeship Office contact list
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado -- construction
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Montana
- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Texas
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- Wisconsin
- Chicago
- Seattle
- Water District, Southern California

College Programs (as examples)

- Lakeshore Technical College, WI
- Midstate Technical College, WI
- Madison Area Technical College, WI
• Badges
  o Background
    ▪ Inside Higher ED
    ▪ UPCEA/Pearson Survey: Demographic Shifts in Educational Demand and the Rise of Alternative Credentials
    ▪ Education Week
  o Badge Systems, Open Badges in Higher Education
  o Open Badges
    ▪ Who is issuing open badges?
  o IMS Global Learning Consortium
  o Badge Alliance
  o LRNG
  o 10 Million Better Futures
  o Open Badges in Higher Education
  o Reconnect Learning
  o HASTAC (Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory)
  o Badge award services – general
    ▪ Open Badges – participating services
    ▪ Credly
    ▪ Accredible
    ▪ Acclaim
    ▪ Merit Pages
    ▪ Badgr
    ▪ BadgeChain
    ▪ Open Badge Factory
    ▪ BadgeOS
  o Badge award services – for educators
    ▪ PD Learning Network
    ▪ BloomBoard
      ▪ Digital Promise
  o Associations – overview article, with examples
    ▪ Overview articles
      ▪ MeetingsNet
      ▪ WBT Systems
      ▪ TalentedLearning
- **AICPA Digital Badges**
- **AEA Open Badges**

  o **Subjects**
  
  - **Community STEM Badging System**

  o **Companies**
  
  - **IBM Open Badges**

  o **Educational institutions**
  
  - **Colorado Community College System**
  - **Foundation for California Community Colleges**
  - **Mt. Vernon Institute for Innovation**

  o **Local**
  
  - **BmoreSTEM**
  - **Maryland Out of School Time**

- **Coding boot camps**
  
  o **Course Report**
  o **Bootcamps.in**
  o **Bootcamp Finder**

- **Online Programs**
  
  o **Coursemania**
  o **Guide to Online Schools**
  o **Online College Courses**
  o **EDx programs** -- micromasters, professional
  o **Coursera**
  o **Udacity**
  o **Udemy**
  o **Pluralsight**
  o **Lynda**
  o **Grovo**
  o **LearnDataSci**
  o **Codecademy**
  o **180 Skills**
  o **General Assembly**
- Cybrary
- Pluralsight

- Cross-credential
  - Data Downloads, ETA
  - Association of Test Publishers
  - ACE College Credit Recommendation Service (National Guide to College Credit for Workforce Training)
  - Army COOL (Credentialing Opportunities On-Line)
  - Workforce Credentials Coalition, WDQC (partners in 14 states)
  - Association for Talent Development (ATD)

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