# **English Language Learning & MEEPLE**

Micro-credentialing Ecosystems Enabling Personal Learning Environments

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# 1. Fragmentation of Learning

- ROI from formal qualifications is diminishing while costs of earning qualification rise.
- Individuals constantly acquire skills, knowledge and capabilities in both formal and informal settings.
- How can all learning that has occurred be accurately measured, recognised, validated, acknowledged and rewarded?

# 1.1. Micro-Credential / Badge

A *Micro-Credential* | *Badge* is a **validated indicator** of an accomplishment, skill, quality or interest that is linked to an individual.

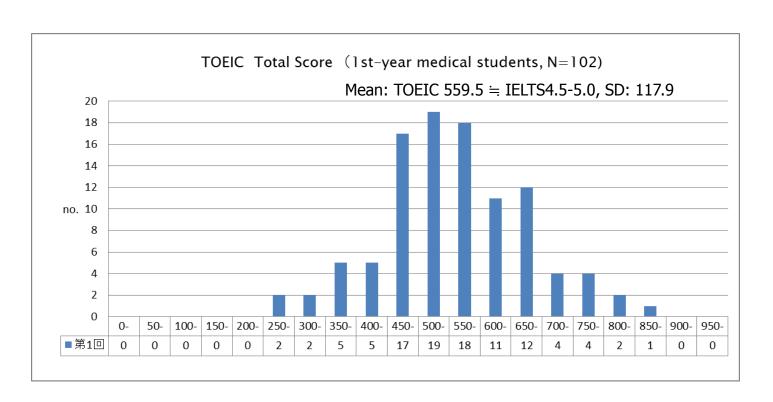
# 1.2. Ecosystems

- An ecosystem provides the infrastructure for individuals to provide a pictorial display of their achievements through the display of a selected collection(s) of Micro-Credentials.
- These collections signal achievement to potential employers, peers, educational organisations, professional and social groups

### 2. A case in language education in Japan

### Challenges language teachers in Japan face:

- Growing need for students to use English in their future professions
- Limited exposure to English (EFL environment)
- Students' different English levels



### 2.1. Moodle Courses for teaching English for Medicine



### 2.2. Reflection on my courses

- Learners need to constantly review and practice their skills to improve their level of English language.
- I need to offer review courses which suit learners' levels, needs and skills required.



I need to find new strategies and techniques

- (1) that will help learners identify and engage with the suitable level of information and in appropriate level of activities.
- (2) that will encourage learners to engage with the review materials identified and participate autonomously in practice activities.



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## 3.1. Challenge (1)

(1) I need to find new strategies and techniques that will help learners identify and engage with the suitable level of information and in appropriate level of activities.

#### Course outline

- Course name: Medical Terminology (Level 1)
- Targeted students: first-year (freshmen) medical and nursing students
- Course objectives:
  - to help students build up (or review) basic terminology of medicine (prefix, suffix, body parts, symptoms)
- o Course details: This is a review course for basic medical terminology. This course consists of 10 modules. In each module you learn basic medical terms which are frequently used and are keys to better understanding of up-to-date information about health-related issues, medical conditions, diseases, symptoms and treatments. There are several types of quizzes in each module to check your vocabulary about a specific topic such as the cardiovascular system and the urinary system. You have to take all the short guizzes in each module and pass them. If you have successfully completed the tests, you will be awarded a module 'badge'. When you have received all the module badges in this course and passed the final test, you will be awarded a course 'badge' which means you have successfully completed this basic medical terminology course.
- Course level:
  - o lower-Intermediate Intermediate (TOEIC450-650, IELTS 4.5-5.5)
- Self-reflection: The following personal competency assessment tool (CAT) enables you to determine your current level of competency in medical terminology. The outcome of your self-assessment can be used to guide which module is suitable for your study.

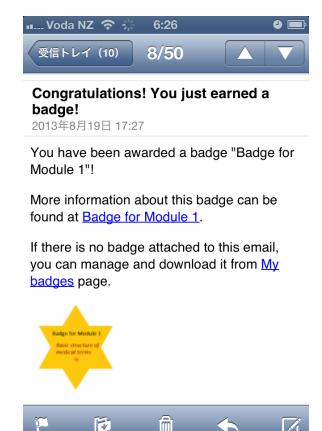




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## 3.2. Challenge (2)

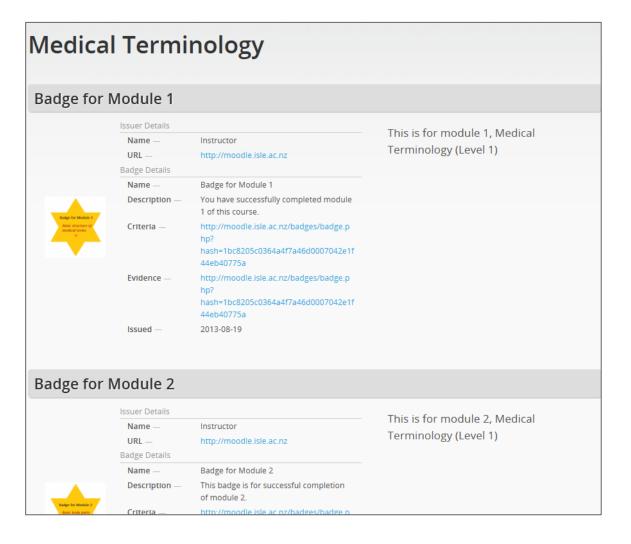
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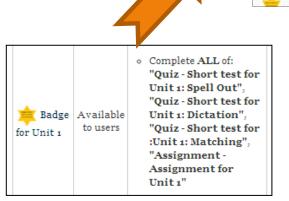


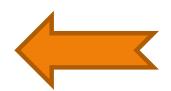
## 3.3. Learner portfolio



### 4. Motivation





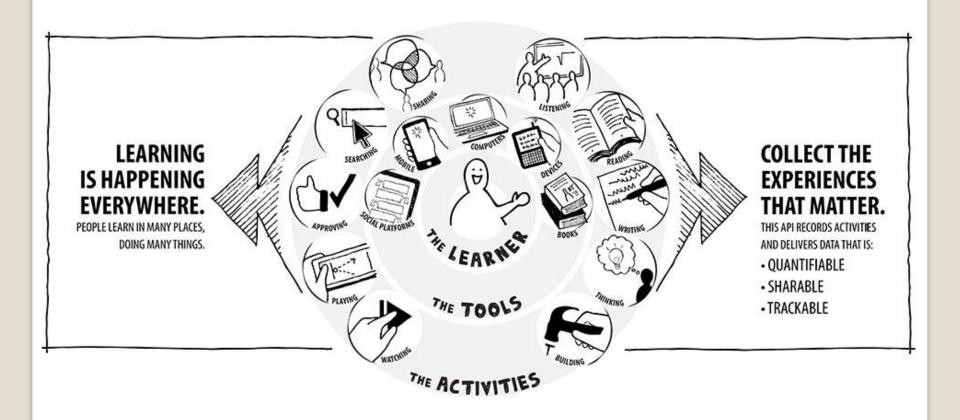








# 5. Personal learning environment



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### 7. ERD model

Earn

Record

Display

Formal Unit of Learning

**Industry Workshop** 

Regulation A Training

Requirement B Attendance

**Record of Learning** 

Where What

How

When

Value

**Expiry** 

Record of Competence

Award of Credit

Certificate of Attendance

Badge Issued

Certificate of Compliance

Learning Management System



Learning Record Store (LRS)



Display / E-Portfolio System



# Thank You for listening!



### 8. Greetings

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