



# Stackable Credentials: What Are They?

**Stackable Credential: Part of a sequence of credentials that can be accumulated over time to build up an individual's qualifications and help them to move along a career pathway or up a career ladder to different and potentially higher-paying jobs.  
(Source: TEGP 15-10, [www.doleta.gov](http://www.doleta.gov))**



# Stackable Credentials: Why Do We Need Them?

Support Completion by Building  
Momentum

Aligned with Employer Competency  
Needs

Facilitate Student Transitions



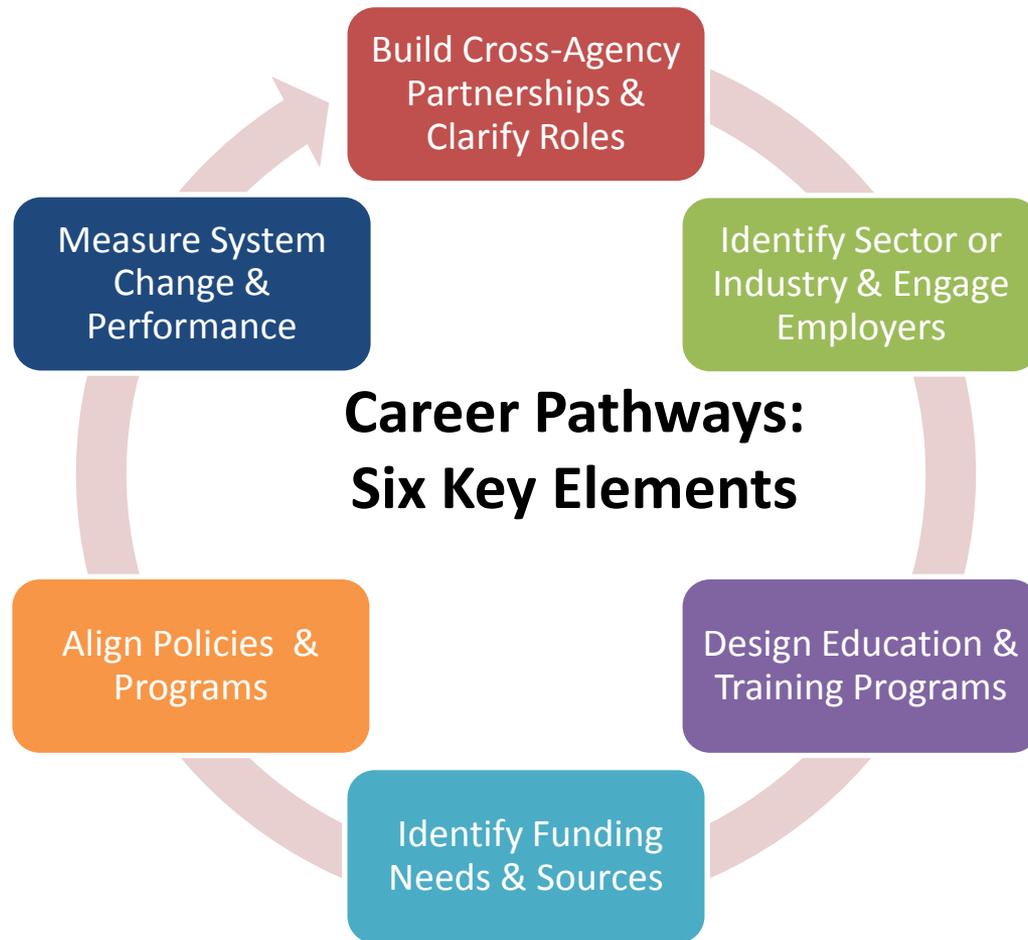
# Career Pathways and Credentials

**Career Pathways** have the goal of increasing an individual's educational and skills attainment and employment outcomes.

**Career Pathway Programs** are a clear sequence of education coursework and/or training credentials that include several key components.



# Six Key Elements Framework





# Resources for Building Stackable Credentials and Career Pathways

**Designing Instruction for Adult Career Pathways (<http://acpsc.org/vol1issue1.html>)**

**Career Technical Education – Career Clusters  
([www.careertech.org/career-clusters/resources/credentials.html](http://www.careertech.org/career-clusters/resources/credentials.html))**

**TEGL 15-10 and the Credential Reference Guide ([www.doleta.gov](http://www.doleta.gov))**

**DOL Industry Competency Model Clearinghouse  
([http://www.careeronestop.org/CompetencyModel/.](http://www.careeronestop.org/CompetencyModel/))**

**Career Pathways Toolkit (<https://learnwork.workforce3one.org/>)**