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.
Stackable Credentials: Why Do We Need Them?

Support Completion by Building Momentum

Aligned with Employer Competency Needs

Facilitate Student Transitions
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

Career Pathways: Six Key Elements

- Build Cross-Agency Partnerships & Clarify Roles
- Identify Sector or Industry & Engage Employers
- Design Education & Training Programs
- Identify Funding Needs & Sources
- Align Policies & Programs
- Measure System Change & Performance
Resources for Building Stackable Credentials and Career Pathways

Designing Instruction for Adult Career Pathways (http://acp-sc.org/vol1issue1.html)

Career Technical Education – Career Clusters (www.careertech.org/career-clusters/resources/credentials.html)

TEGL 15-10 and the Credential Reference Guide (www.doleta.gov)

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

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