



## Standardizing Certificates

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Dear Friends of GSX,

We are pleased to announce that the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) has approved standards for Assessment Based Certificate Programs. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has recognized these as national standards.

Certificate programs differ from certifications because they are based on the completion of a series of course work and are not necessarily job or occupationally based. However, the standardization of the criteria around successful completion of a Certificate program, with a quality learning assessment, lends credibility and value to the credential.

The standards are based on a candidate's satisfactory completion of a Certificate Assessment. Now, Certificates have common value and are increasingly portable.

GSX played a key role on the advisory committee convened by the ICE the developer of the standards ANSI/NOCA 1100. Additionally, GSX is participating in the development of a third-party accreditation process against the ANSI/NOCA 1100 standards, which we will pilot with one of our organizational clients.

Keep in touch with GSX to learn more about how the Certificate standards roll out takes shape and changes the face of Certificate credentialing.

All the best,

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