

Digital Credentials (Badging) FAQ for Teaching Staff

1.	<p>How can I enrol in a badge? Link to the enrolment form here.</p>
2.	<p>I want to do the xyzy badge – who do I talk to? First you need to fill out this form to get enrolled, then you will be put in touch with the badge facilitator.</p>
3.	<p>Can you access the content in all the badges and do learning without enrolling and submitting evidence. Yes. You have guest access to each badge to access the resources.</p>
4.	<p>What is evidence only mode? The evidence only mode is an option for you to work independently. In this learning option you identify some artefacts (types of evidence may include but is not limited to lesson plans, recordings, course resources and activities from Moodle, assessment samples, moderations reports) from your teaching practice that meet the requirements of a badge. You submit those artefacts together with a reflection to achieve the badge requirements.</p>
5.	<p>Can I get a badge without submitting evidence? No. TCD is based on your evidence of your applied practice.</p>
6.	<p>If I complete emerging level and then do demonstrating level. Are they counted as two separate badges? Yes.</p>
7.	<p>I am doing a teaching qualification from another institute. Do I still need to do two badges? You can negotiate with your manager to remove the badge requirements given you are currently studying towards adult teaching qualification.</p>
8.	<p>I am doing a teaching qualification from another institute. Can I use the evidence from those courses for gaining a badge? You can gain Accreditation of Prior Learning from recent study (last 3 years) in adult teaching. You will need to provide evidence of the learning outcomes you have achieved, showing how these map to the learning outcome(s) of relevant badge(s).</p>
9.	<p>Can I learn outside of Unitec and still get a badge? Yes. If you apply your learning from for example, a conference or webinar or course to your teaching, then you can use that as an evidence for a badge.</p>
10.	<p>Why do the TPA badges (i.e., assessment, active learning, Echo 360) focus on teaching competencies and not discipline specific topics? The suite of badges was deliberately designed to encourage teachers to be active and participative in teaching and learning practice, rather than provide them with discipline specific topics. In addition, when teachers show examples of applying their enhanced teaching competency in their practice, they are doing so in the context of their discipline.</p>

11.	<p>Do you have any badges on Leadership?</p> <p>No, our TCD badges are on the teaching competencies. The modelling level requires you to model the competency to others – so in that respect, it’s leadership.</p> <p>For advice and guidance on capability development for our Unitec core leadership competencies (applicable to all staff) please contact the Learning and Development team (learnanddevelop@unitec.ac.nz).</p>
12.	<p>I work part time. How many badges do I need to do?</p> <p>Badge requirements are pro-rated as follows for teaching staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A standard teaching requirement applies for staff who are 0.75 FTE and above. Currently this means completion of at least two badges annually, of which one must be an approved parity badge. • A part-time teaching requirement applies for staff who are 0.7 FTE or less. Currently this means completion of at least one badge annually. Ideally this should be a parity badge, but this should be agreed with your manager with consideration given to individual and team development needs. <p>These requirements apply for both permanent staff and staff on fixed term contracts for a cumulative period of 12 months or more.</p>
13.	<p>I am an Academic Programme Manager; how do I find out who in my team has which badge?</p> <p>You can contact Judith King (Te Puna Ako – Business Administrator). Email - jking@unitec.ac.nz</p>
14.	<p>What is a parity badge? What parity badges are available to me as a teacher?</p> <p>In 2020, Unitec introduced a requirement of all staff – including teaching staff – to undertake professional development in the form at least one parity badge. These are badges that have been designed specifically to support the achievement of parity for Māori, Pacific and Under 25 learners (Strategic Priority 1 in Unitec’s Renewal Strategy, Manaakitia te Rito).</p> <p>For teaching staff, at least one of the badges they are required to complete annually should be a parity badge. See Parity Badges on the Nest for more information on the badges available and how to enrol in them.</p>
15.	<p>How do I get access to the Te Rito (Mātauranga Māori) Suite of badges? Who do I contact?</p> <p>The Te Rito suite includes the Living Te Noho Kotahitanga and Te Tipare: Embedding Mātauranga Māori badges. These are both accessible from the Te Rito page on Moodle. Both of these badges require attendance at a workshop as a prerequisite. You can register for the workshops here: https://unitec.wufoo.com/forms/w13sqxvh0jq5svq/ (There are also a number of other Te Rito workshops that are listed here but note these are not currently offered as badges).</p>