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Policy Name: Micro-Credential Policy

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Owner(s) of Policy: Academic & Student Affairs

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Policy Statement:

Finger Lakes Community College authorizes the awarding of micro-credentials to recognize demonstrated student learning of smaller units of knowledge and/or skills.

Micro-credentials shall be:

1. Designed by faculty in the relevant field to focus on relevant knowledge and/or skills that are needed in today's workplace.
2. At a minimum two courses and limited in size to no more than 16 credit hours.
3. Stackable, toward larger units of study.
4. Named to avoid confusion with Associate degree and Certificate programs.
5. Approved via the college-wide curriculum processes.
6. Applicable to the academic credit awarded through evaluation (prior learning assessment) policy.
7. Noted on their academic transcript and/or available digitally.

To earn a micro-credential transcript notation students must:

1. Meet all eligibility and curriculum requirements for the micro-credential.
2. Complete all credit-bearing courses taken for the micro-credential with a minimum GPA of 2.0
3. Complete 50% of their credit-bearing coursework at Finger Lakes Community College.
4. Complete transfer coursework with a grade of "C-" or better at an accredited college or university to be considered for transfer credit at Finger Lakes Community College.
5. Complete requirements within the timeframe noted by the certifying department.

Reason(s) for Policy:

This policy is designed to ensure that the College awards micro-credentials in accordance with applicable provisions of the New York State Education Law, New York State Education Department regulations, and State University of New York policies and procedures.

Applicability of Policy:

All students, faculty, admissions personnel, and personnel responsible for making determinations relative to academic credit should be familiar with this policy.

Definitions:

- FLCC **Micro-credential** is an approved undergraduate level credit-bearing course sequence within a single or interdisciplinary program.
- FLCC **Micro-credential Badges** are academic badges associated with a unit(s) of study that are part of an academic program.

- **Units of study** in this context can mean a credit course, an assessable course component, a set of courses or non-credit-bearing experiential learning activities or a combination thereof.
- **Certifying department** is the academic department(s) evaluating student learning for the award of academic credit.

Related Documents:

- FLCC Grading Policy
- FLCC Degree & Certificate Requirements Policy
- Curricular By-laws

Procedures:

None

Forms/Online Processes:

None

Appendix:

None