The CHEA “Quality Platform” for Digital Credentials

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NEW NEEDS:
Higher education innovating to reach larger number of students and promote equity

Challenges for QA to adapt to diversified learning paths and alternative providers
Global QA Model
From inputs to outputs
CHEA Quality Platform

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What is the Quality Platform?

• An outcomes-based external review of alternative providers of higher education for their performance and quality

• Can be used nationally or internationally
QUALITY PLATFORM STANDARDS

- Are learning outcomes articulated and achieved?

- Do they meet post-secondary level standards?

- Can credits be transferred?

- Is transparent information available?
Sent an application to CHEA to be a Quality Platform Pilot (June 2015)

Prepared a Self-Review and sent it to CHEA (September 2015)

A site visit conducted at DeTao using the Self-Review as basis (November 2015)
Site-visit by peer review group
The Council for Higher Education Accreditation / International Quality Group Acknowledges that:

De Tao Masters Academy
Advanced Classes

Has fully met the required standards to become a CHEA/CIQG Quality Platform Provider 2016 - 2019

Signature CHEA/CIQG
Date 01/26/2016
Making Sense of MOOCs
A Guide for Policy-Makers in Developing Countries
New Credentials
Lumina Quality Credential Task Force framework
Digitization and Quality

Expert Group with ACCRAO (Washington, DC, March 2019)
Digitization and Quality

THE QUALITY PLATFORM: EXTERNAL REVIEW OF DIGITAL CREDENTIALS
The CHEA “Quality Platform” for Digital Credentials
What is the “Quality Platform” for digital credentials?

- An outcomes-based external review of digital credentials to affirm their quality
- May be used nationally or internationally
What is its Purpose?

• Equip students and the public with reliable information about quality digital credentials

• Serve students and the public by assuring and improving the quality of digital credentials
What are the benefits?

- **Students and the Public:** the Platform provides **reliable information** about the value of a credential.

- **Governments:** the Platform provides **reliable information** about the value of a credential that can be used in determining whether to make government funds available as part of addressing access and affordability.
What are the benefits?

• **Employers**: the *Platform* provides **reliable information about the skills and competencies** of potential employees as this relates to workforce education and strengthening workers skills.

• **Colleges and Universities**: they can rely on the *Platform* when making judgments about whether the credential provides evidence of what students entering the institution know and can do.
What are the benefits?

Quality Assurance and Accrediting Organizations benefit because they can rely on the Platform when reviewing their institutions and programs’ work in evaluating and accepting digital credentials.
How does the Quality Platform work for Digital Credentials?

A Panel of Experts to review digital credentials is established. The Panel will include at least an academic, a quality assurance expert, an employer and a person skilled in digital credentialing.
Criteria to establish quality:

• The credential includes clear expectations of expected student learning.

• The expectations are at a postsecondary level.

• The credential provides reliable evidence that the student has demonstrated the expected skills and competencies associated with student learning.

• There is reliable evidence of acceptance of the credential by companies for employment and, where applicable, higher education institutions for further study.
Quality Platform Award

- Upon success with the criteria, an award of “Quality Platform for Digital Credentials” status is made.

- The award is for three years, with periodic re-examination to sustain award status.

- Over time, information about the credentials and award status will be available to the public to provide information and comparability.
The Convention introduces recognition of non-traditional providers.
WE ARE READY TO PLAN A QUALITY PLATFORM REVIEW WITH YOU

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