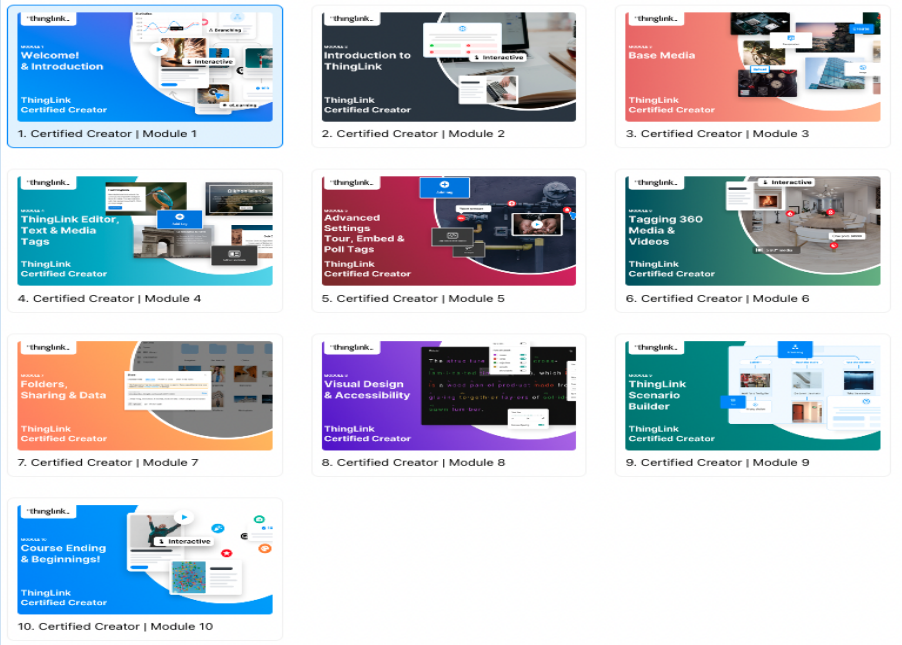


Module 1 Badge: Trends & Innovations

Topic	Trends & Innovations
Learning Objectives:	• Learn about digital badges in education. • Examine new trends and innovations in educational technology. • Obtain the ThingLink certification. • Create an ePortfolio to display digital badges.
Tasks 	Intro: Throughout this course, you will be completing digital badge projects. This is an innovative way you can design a curriculum to add additional motivation, a sense of accomplishment, and an element of gamification. Start by reading about digital badges. • Digital Badges in Education - What are they? • The Power of Digital Badges Many LMSs are incorporating digital badging into their offerings. Canvas has partnered with Badgr to support digital badging. Schoology has had a badging platform for a while. If you use Google Classroom, there are several workarounds and third-party apps that will allow teachers to issue digital badges. If you like the idea, it's worth it to check it out! At the end of the course, you will be creating a Virtual Learning Experience using Thinglink. In preparation for that project, I would like you to complete the Thinglink certification course. It is free and will be one more microcredential that you will be able to add to your resume. It has ten modules and should be easy enough to complete in a week. This certification is new this year, so you will be on the cutting edge of earning it! Their badge is 3D, so that should be exciting, too!  The grid displays 10 thumbnails for the ThingLink Certified Creator course modules. Each thumbnail includes the ThingLink logo, a title, a brief description, and a 'ThingLink Certified Creator' badge. The modules are: 1. Welcome & Introduction, 2. Introduction to ThingLink, 3. Base Media, 4. ThingLink Editor, Text & Media Tags, 5. Advanced Settings Your Embed & Poll Tags, 6. Tagging 360 Media & Videos, 7. Folders, Sharing & Data, 8. Visual Design & Accessibility, 9. ThingLink Scenario Builder, and 10. Course Ending & Beginnings!

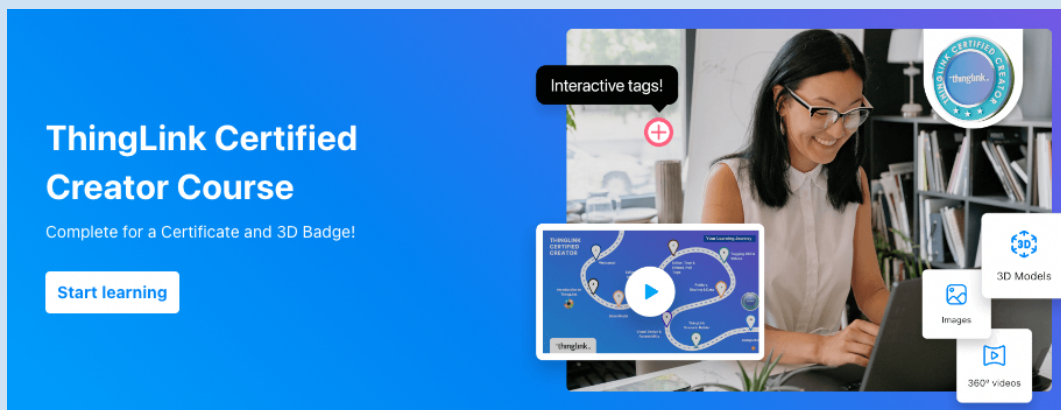
Task 1: Learn

If you have never used or seen a Thinglink, please visit this page to find out what it is how it works. Essentially, is a platform that helps you to create a virtual learning experience. You can use it for virtual field trips, delivering a lesson, or for students to create presentations. You begin by selecting a high-quality photo from Pixabay or somewhere similar to use as the background. Then, you create hotspots that when clicked by the user, opens to display a slide deck, video, images, or whatever content you wish. You can add hyperlinks to outside tools as well. In its sharing options, it even provides a link to view it using VR!

- [What is ThingLink?](#)
- Dr. Solano's example [Ireland ThingLink](#)

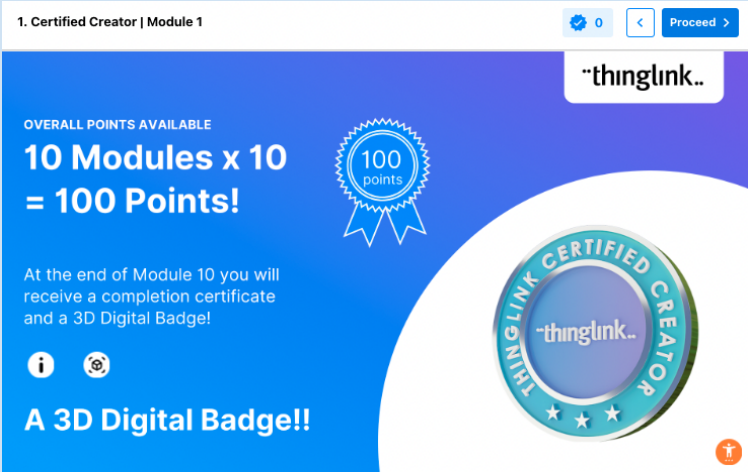
Task 2: Participate

- Navigate to the [Thinglink Blog](#) to log in.
- On the left navigation menu, look at the list at the bottom and click on "Learning Center."
 - You can watch the tutorial to give you more ideas on how to use it.
 - Below the tutorial is the "ThingLink Certified Creator Course." When you are ready, click on "Start learning."
 - You can complete a couple of modules at a time. It will save your progress.
 - On many of the slides, there is a **blinking hotspot** with information and surprising content. Don't miss them!



Task 3: Course Completion

- When you finish all 10 modules, you will be emailed a digital certificate. There are no exams. There is no stress, just the enjoyment of learning a new tech tool and being able to experiment with it.
- Use Canva or Google Drawings to add your name and date to the certificate.
- Submit your certificate when finished by pasting the image on the submission form (located below).
- Place the certificate and the ThingLink digital badge in your e-portfolio.

	 Task 4: Create your ePortfolio - Using either Canva, Adobe Express page or a Google Site, create your ePortfolio. After you complete the requirements for each badge, you will be issued a digital badge. Insert the badge and any artifacts and evidence of your work in your ePortfolio. (These will be added to the Program Portfolio you created in EDUC 5080.) - If you are using a page in your Program Portfolio, make sure there is a course description at the top of the page and an explanation of the digital badges. Example Page in your Program Portfolio - You just need the homepage completed. Use a professional photo of yourself and provide a short bio. - Describe the course. Include your ThingLink badge and certificate. - Once you complete this certification, you will also receive a badge from me for Trends and Innovations. (Essentially, you'll be receiving two badges for this project!) - Here is an example from a different semester. (Shared with permission from the student) Digital Badges Google Site
Submission Criteria	Submit a public link to your Google Doc with the following: Module 1 Submission Form The information below is in the submission form. Open the link and make a copy of it so you can fill it in. Then, just submit the form to the LMS. - Your name and class information. - Link to your e-portfolio Google Site or Adobe Express site. - Note: You don't need to have your activities included in the site before you submit. Just have it ready to use. - Make sure the course name and number are at the top along with a brief description of the course. - Insert the image of your ThingLink Certified Creator certificate. - One-page reflection on what you learned about by completing this badge. Use the Module 1 submission form. The questions you need to answer are located there.

Rubric:

Criteria	Description	Points
ThingLink Certification	● Insert your ThingLink certification at the top of the page.	75 points
e-Portfolio	● Below the certificate is a link to your ePortfolio. ● A Google site or Adobe Express page was created as an e-portfolio for the digital badges that will be earned during the course. ● Include your ThingLink badge and certificate. ● The link is shareable and connects to the published page (NOT EDIT VIEW! BE SURE TO PUBLISH YOUR SITE BEFORE COPYING THE LINK!) ● The homepage is completed with a description of the project and includes graphics.	25 points
Reflection Essay	● The one-page reflection shares what you understand about what digital badging is and what you learned from completing the ThingLink certification completed in the M1 Submission Form. ● It also contains a summary of what you learned by completing the ThingLink certification and if you found it worthwhile. ● How can you use ThingLink in your teaching? ● Submit a public link to the M1 Google Doc submission form.	40 points
Links, Grammar, Writing, and APA	● All of the links to each digital activity work, and the permissions are shared to view each item. ● Good writing, grammar, and spelling are used throughout all of the projects. ● APA format is used whenever appropriate.	10 points
Total		150 points