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## General Comment

UPCEA would request that the ACS change the responses on education to provide an option for someone to mark that they are enrolled/completed in non-degree credential offered by a postsecondary institution. The needs of students and workforce are changing, and in recent years, we have seen a broader adoption of alternative credentials, which includes certificates, micro-credentials, digital badges, or micro-certificates, signaling specific competencies, certification, and sometimes licensure. Our institutions and the broader public would benefit greatly from the understanding of how these credentials fit into the American educational and demographic landscape.

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