Apprenti WA

Modernizing apprenticeship programs through rapid credential verification

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CHALLENGE

The Washington Technology Industry Association (WTIA) sought to digitize its Apprenti journeyman card to modernize and streamline the apprenticeship program through rapid credential verification. They also wished to offer students resume-building technology and an official link to the WA Department of Labor lookup tool.

WITHOUT MERIT

Apprenticeship programs often rely on paper journeyman cards which can't be easily accessed, updated, or shared. The lack of interoperable systems prevents apprentices from building an agile record of training and experience for career growth.

MERIT'S SOLUTION

Apprenti graduates now access verified digital journeyman credentials. These incorporate Credential Engine's Credential Transparency Description Language (CTDL) that captures, links, updates, and shares up-to-date information about credentials for easy organization and searchability.

Merit's Resume Builder tool simplifies showcasing training and experience for students. Interoperable technology links participants with the State of Washington Labor and Industries' Apprenticeship Program Directory.

Successful Apprenti graduates are filling industry gaps in Washington, one of the nation's leading technology employers. Women, persons of color, and U.S. veterans use Merit's digital program-completion certificates to store an agile and verifiable record of training and experience.

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> Signing up for Merit was easy and painless, as was receiving my digital credential of Journey-level status. I also appreciated that there is a link to the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries - I had no idea there was a public lookup tool for viewing apprenticeship status!
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About Merit

Merit's verified identity platform brings visibility, liquidity, and trust to people-data, giving organizations the clarity to make better-informed decisions, engage with individuals effectively, and pursue their mission efficiently. Merit works with trusted private, state, and municipal organizations to solve critical real-world problems in sectors such as workforce development, emergency services, licensing, education, and defense readiness.