

**AUTHENTIC CREDENTIALS IN EDUCATION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 100 of 2005**

**390.1602 Definitions.**

Sec. 2.

As used in this act:

(a) "Academic credential" means a degree or a diploma, transcript, educational or completion certificate, or similar document that indicates completion of a program of study or instruction or completion of 1 or more courses at an institution of higher education or the grant of an associate, bachelor, master, or doctoral degree.

(b) "False academic credential" means an academic credential issued or manufactured by a person that is not a qualified institution.

(c) "Qualified institution" means any of the following:

(i) An institution of higher education, as that term is defined in 20 USC 1001, located in the United States.

(ii) Any other institution of higher education authorized to do business in this state.

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