Results by the Numbers
– NADSP Certifications

The E-Badge Academy provides opportunity for DSPs to demonstrate that they have an up-to-date and relevant skill set, highlight their professional achievements, and document the value that they bring to a partnership with the people they support. E-Badges are stacked together to achieve NADSP's DSP-I, DSP-II and DSP-III level certifications.

To earn the DSP-I Certification, a DSP must meet the following criteria:

- **15 total E-Badges which must include:**
  - The Code of Ethics Commitment badge
  - The 50 hours of Accredited Education badge
  - At least one Core Competency badge from the following Core Competency Areas:
    - Crisis Prevention and Intervention
    - Safety
    - Person-Centered Practices
    - Health and Wellness

To earn the DSP-II badge, you must meet the following criteria:

- **30 total E-Badges which must include:**
  - The DSP-I badge
  - The 100 hours of Accredited Education badge
  - At least one Core Competency badge from:
    - Evaluation and Observation
    - Communication
    - Professionalism and Ethics
    - Community Inclusion and Networking

To earn the DSP-III badge, you must meet the following criteria:

- **50 total badges which must include:**
  - The DSP-II badge
  - At least one Core Competency badge from:
    - Empowerment and Advocacy
    - Community Living Skills and Supports
    - Education, Training and Self-Development
    - Cultural Competence