Each activity in which students can fulfill requirements toward completion of a WP LEADS digital badge is created in Pioneer Life and designated (by staff managing the badge) with the event type that corresponds with a particular badge. Student’s attendance is tracked at these “badge” events by either swiping their student ID card into a swipe-card reader or signing in with their WP email and/or student ID.

Once a student participates in an activity that counts toward a digital badge requirement, their attendance is loaded into Pioneer Life and they are automatically enrolled in that badge.

Students can track their progress in completing a badge by logging into Pioneer Life. Badges are automatically loaded onto their Engagement Portfolio in Pioneer Life to assist with resume writing, internship and scholarship applications, interviews, etc.

For most of the badges, students can complete the requirements at their own pace. Some badges can be accomplished in one semester, while others may require several semesters.

Students can earn multiple digital badges in such areas as leadership, civic engagement and professional preparation. Additional digital badges will continue to be developed.

Activities that counts towards a digital badge will be advertised Pioneer Life, as well as other relevant web sites, flyers, social media, university calendar, etc. Students can search Pioneer Life on-line or thru the corq app for specific types of events such as leadership, career development and civic engagement. In addition, offices that administer a badge or offer badge activities may also send emails to students enrolled in a badge to notify them of upcoming activities and opportunities.

If a student attends an activity that they think may count towards a digital badge, they can contact Campus Activities, Service and Leadership (campusactivities@wpunj.edu), and include the title, description, date and sponsor, so that we may evaluate the program for inclusion. University faculty and staff may also contact CASL to enroll their program into a WP LEADS digital badge.