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New credential wallet will allow Georgian College students to access official documents digitally

Georgian College as a member of the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC) has joined the MyCreds™ National Network to deliver documents to students and alumni electronically through a secure, centralized credential wallet, enabling them to access them 24/7 – anytime, anywhere.

ARUCC's MyCreds™ gives students and alumni private online access to records and documents like transcripts and parchments, ensuring they alone decide when and where their educational information is shared. Benefits include:

- Stronger control over who documents are shared with
- Documents issued through the network are authentic, tamper-resistant and legally valid
- Reduces time in processing requests and the potential of lost documents

Georgian is an early adopter of the digital credentialing network in Canada, which is being used by more than 100 institutions in several countries around the world.

Cindy Mutchler, Georgian's Registrar, said the online platform is in keeping with the college's bold digital innovation strategy.

"The MyCreds™ platform is a new technology and key resource that will enhance student services and underscore our commitment to being a leader in an increasingly digital world," said Mutchler. "The credential wallet will allow us to continue to adapt in a meaningful way and provide the best experience possible for our students and alumni."

MyCreds™ is expected to bring efficiencies to what has traditionally been a paper-based process and help mitigate credential fraud. Students will, for example, be able to send official, digitized and cryptographically-signed transcripts or parchments in seconds, directly to whomever they like.

Graduating students will still receive paper parchments (certificates, diplomas and degrees) in addition to digital access to their documents. Georgian's MyCreds™ portal goes live on June 1.

"We're excited to see Georgian College join the MyCreds™ National Network to empower its learners and put agency and control of credentials in their own hands," said Janeen Hoover, CRALO Representative on the

ARUCC Executive and Director, Registrarial Services at Conestoga College. “This platform will support student mobility at all steps of their education journey and as they move through the workforce.”

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About MyCreds™

MyCreds™ is a national, shared service and platform that provides students and graduates access to a secure, online, password protected learner credential wallet. This virtual wallet allows them to view and share their verified and official transcripts, credentials, and academic documents in a digitized format on a 24/7 basis – anytime, anywhere. It enables peer-to-peer official document and data sharing between issuing organizations such as colleges and universities. Secure, cryptographically signed documents can be sent conveniently and require no further verification. MyCreds™ is the first and only national bilingual system of its kind in Canada. Visit www.mycreds.ca for more details or contact ARUCC’s Executive Lead, Joanne Duklas at info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca.

About ARUCC

The Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC) owns MyCreds™. ARUCC provides leadership in the post-secondary education field and service to its member institutions nationally and internationally, helping foster the advancement of registrarial practices and learner focused service delivery in Canada.

About Digitary

Digitary provides the underlying engine powering MyCreds™. Digitary was launched in Dublin, Ireland in 2005, and has grown to become a leading online platform for certifying, sharing, and verifying academic credentials. Learner-centric since the very start, Digitary enables millions of learners to share their verified academic achievements online, securely, quickly and easily. Digitary is now used by organizations in over 135 countries. For further details visit www.digitary.net.

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Georgian is MORE than an education – it’s an experience. The college offers 130+ market-driven programs, from degrees and diplomas, to certificates, apprenticeships, corporate training and more. A recognized leader in co-operative education, we have one of the highest graduate employment rates among Ontario colleges. We’re the first – and only – college in Canada designated a changemaker college by Ashoka U for our role as a leader in social innovation and changemaking in higher education.